

CRM (DB) 2058 of 2024

In re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Golabari Police Station** Case No. **09 of 2023** dated **09.01.2023** under Sections **370(5)/120B** of Indian Penal Code and Sections 14(C) of the Foreigners Act.

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In the matter of : Dhruva Sadhukhan & Anr.

.... Petitioners.

Mr. Suman Das,

... For the Petitioners.

Mrs. Minoti Gomes,

Mr. Saibal Krishna Dasgupta,

... For the State.

Order dictated by Arijit Banerjee, J:

The petitioners say that they are in custody for one year and four months. Witness action has not begun. Nobody knows when the trial will conclude. They should be enlarged on bail.

We see *prima facie* from the material in the case diary that these petitioners are the kingpin of a racket of trafficking in minor children. Given the *prima facie* incriminating material against them and the deleterious effect that such heinous activities have on the society at large, we are not inclined to entertain the petitioners' prayer for bail, at this stage.

CRM (DB) 2058 of 2024 is, thus, dismissed.

However, considering that the petitioners are in custody for quite some time, we direct the learned Trial Court to expedite the trial to the fullest extent possible and conclude the same at the earliest and definitely within a period of 18 months from the next date fixed for trial.

All parties shall act in terms of server copy of the order downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Apurba Sinha Ray, J.)

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)