

13.05.2024.
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Ct.No.28
as
(Rejected)

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri**

C.R.M. (DB) 216 of 2024

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection Lava P.S. Case No.22 of 2023 dated 18.06.2023 under Sections 342/365/366A/376AB of the Indian Penal Code read with Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

In the matter of : **Tokney Bajay @ Narbahadur Mukhia.**
... Petitioner.

Ms. Rishita Chakraborty.
...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ujjwal Luksom,
Mr. Sagnik Sarkar Sikdar.
...for the State.

1. Heard the learned Advocates for the parties.
2. We have considered the statement of the minor victim. Petitioner was an elderly person and was referred as grandfather in the locality. He had dragged the victim and committed rape on her.
3. In view of gravity of the offence and the *prima facie* involvement of the petitioner therein, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.
4. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)