

20.08.2024
Court No.1
SL No.13
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**HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI**

CRM(DB) 372 of 2024

In Re: - An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Kurseong** P.S. Case No. **138 of 2022** dated **25.12.2022** under Section **10** of the POCSO Act read with Sections **448/376(2)(C)/511** of the IPC.

And

In the matter of: **Zohmangaih @ Zohmangaiha**

....Petitioner.

Mr. Subhasish Misra
Mr. Satyajit Paul
Mr. Bhojendra Bahadur Gharti

...For the Petitioner.

Mr. Kallol Acharjee
Mr. Tapan Bhattacharjee

...For the State.

1. The petitioner seeks bail on the ground that despite the last direction of a Coordinate Bench of this Court on 30th August, 2023 in CRM (DB) 489 of 2023 the trial has not been completed within six months from the said date. Six months expired in February 2024.

2. It is submitted by the counsel for the State that the trial is on the verge of completion and the matter was posted for arguments in July, 2024. The arguments are likely to be completed within next two dates.

3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The application for bail is, thus, rejected.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)

(Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, J.)