

02.09.2025
Item no.10
Court No.42
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(Dismissed)

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS JURISDICTION**

CRM (M) 1465 of 2025

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Pre Trial Case No.844 of 2025 arising out of Gazole Police Station Case No.623 of 2025 dated 24.06.2025 under Sections 137(2)/140(3)/143/144/87/96/61(2)/3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita , 2023 read with Section 3/4/5/6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 read with Section 4/6/17 of the POCSO Act, now pending before the learned Judge, Special Court Additional District Judge, 2nd Court, Malda.

And

In Re : Santosh Ray

.... Petitioner

Mr. Swarvanu Saha

..... for the petitioner

Ms. Shaila Afrin

Mr. Raju Mondal

... for the State

1. Service report filed by the State is taken on record.
2. Learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that there are no such allegations of any offence under POCSO Act. Previously the petitioner was on bail. He seeks for enlargement of the petitioner on bail.
3. Opposing such prayer for bail, learned Advocate for the State submits that there are serious allegations against the petitioner of putting the victim into prostitution. She seeks for dismissal of the bail application.
4. Despite service none appears on behalf of the *de facto* complainant.
5. Perused the case diary and materials on record.

6. The victim in her statement clearly implicates this petitioner of trafficking and forcing her to physical relationship. Such statement is also supported by the statement of other witnesses. Considering such *prima facie* incriminating materials and bearing in mind nature and gravity of the offence, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.
7. Accordingly, the bail prayer of the petitioner is rejected.
8. The application for bail being **CRM (M) 1465 of 2025** stands dismissed.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)