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06-01-2025
(ct. no.29)
debajyoti
(rejected)

CRM (DB) 2985 of 2024

In re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure/483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Jadavpur Police Station Case No.150 of 2023 dated 11-08-2023 under Sections 305/34 of the Indian Penal Code read with Section 4 of the West Bengal Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institute Act, 2000 and added Sections 10/12/17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

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In the matter of : Ankan Sarkar

.... Petitioner.

Mr. Anirban Guha Thakurta,
Mr. Sujan Chatterjee,
Mr. Rohan Bavishi

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Debasish Roy, learned Public Prosecutor,
Mr. Rudradipta Nandy, learned APP,
Mr. Saryati Dutta,
Mrs. Rituparna Saha

... For the State.

Mr. Navanil De

... For the victim (through Legal Aid).

Dictated by Arijit Banerjee, J.

1. Status report filed by the State is taken on record. The report indicates that 15 more witnesses will be examined by the prosecution notwithstanding that the charge sheet

mentions 86 witnesses. The trial should be concluded within six months.

2. *Prima facie*, we find sufficient incriminating material against this petitioner. The alleged offence is heinous in nature. We are not inclined to allow the petitioner's prayer for bail, at this stage.

3. The application for bail is, thus, **dismissed**.

4. Since the State has stated in its report that the trial should be concluded within six months, we request the learned trial Judge to make all endeavours to conclude the trial within the time period indicated in the status report. In the event the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail.

5. All parties shall act on the server copies of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

6. Criminal Section is directed to supply certified copies of this order to the parties, if applied for, upon compliance of all necessary formalities.

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)

(Apurba Sinha Ray, J.)