

25.03.2026
Serial no. 14
[G.S.D]

CRM (M) 27 of 2026

In re : An Application for Bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973/under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 in connection with Kaliyaganj Police Station Case No. 176 of 2023 dated 10.05.2023 u/s 4 of the POCSO Act arising out of POCSO Case No. 19 of 2023.

-And-

In the matter of : Prem Kumar

	... Petitioner(s)
Mr. Jisan Iqbal Hossain	
	... for the Petitioner(s)
Ms. Sukannya Bhattacharya	
Mr. Manoranjan Mahata	
	... for the State-respondent(s)

Learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arrested on 14.05.2023 and till date he is in custody. It has also been submitted that the petitioner and the victim were in a relationship which, all of a sudden, snapped. Pursuant to which, this case has been initiated.

Be that as it may, State is unable to satisfy why a person be detained for such a long time and only examination-in-chief of two witnesses be completed.

It has also been brought to the notice of this court that 13 witnesses have been cited by the prosecution in the charge-sheet.

Having considered the same, as a matter of last chance, another three months' time is granted to the prosecution to complete at least all the vulnerable witnesses by 10th July, 2026. If the same is not complete within the

aforesaid period and the petitioner prays for bail, the learned trial court will consider the bail application of the present petitioner exercising its discretion according to the merits of the case.

Considering the gravity of the offence and the stage of the case, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage.

Hence, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **Rejected.**

Accordingly, CRM(M) 27 of 2026 is **dismissed.**

Parties to act on a server copy of this order duly collected from the official website of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)