02.09.2022. 06. Ct.No.28 as (Rejected)

C.R.M. (DB) 2882 of 2022

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Ramnagar P.S. Case No.396 of 2021 dated 27.10.2021 under Sections 376/509/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code and adding Sections 376(2)(f)(i) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 4/6 of the POCSO Act and Section 9 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act and Section 67A/67B of the Information Technology Act.

In the matter of : Tapas Mondal.

....Petitioner.

Mr. Soumik Ganguli.

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Swapan Banerjee, Ms. Purnima Ghosh.

...for the State.

Petitioner is in custody for 308 days. He renews his prayer for bail.

Report is placed on record.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail. He submits petitioner is the brother-in-law of the minor victim. He ravished her and blackmailed her by showing objectionable pictures.

We have considered the materials on record. Statement of the victim and other materials collected during investigation implicate the petitioner. Bail prayer of the petitioner was rejected earlier. Delay in the matter is due to non-appearance of the co-accused and cannot lie at the doorstep of the petitioner 2

Under such circumstances, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta,J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)