

**S.C 271/2023**  
**CNR no.WBHG-01- 004263-2023**

**Order no. 08 dt. 11.01.2024**

Today is fixed for hearing of the bail petition in respect of the accused persons namely Ratan Khetrpal and Sudip Bhattacharjee @ Tilak. Moving the bail petition, learned Advocate standing for the above two accused persons submits that no case u/s 364A IPC is evident against these two accused persons. Charge sheet is already submitted in the case. No purpose would be served for keeping them behind the bar any more. They both have suffered sufficient detention in custody. If on bail, they will comply all bail conditions.

The learned P.P, Hooghly in his turn raising strong objection submits that there are host of materials in the C.D showing their direct involvement in the alleged incident. The learned P.P, Hooghly referred pages 10, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 22, 36, 61, 67, 69, 72, 78, 99, 100 and 101 besides other materials in the C.D. A prima facie case is already established against them and other accused persons on submission of charge sheet. He further submits that this learned Court was pleased to reject their bail prayer on several occasions. There is no scope for grant of bail as prayed for. He urged on for custody trial of this case.

I have gone through the evidence collected in the C.D as against these two accused persons side by side the materials in the case record. Charge sheet in the case was submitted on 07.08.2023. Bail petition of the accused Sudip Bhattacharjee was rejected on 13.10.2023 and the accused Ratan Khetrpal on 19.10.2023, both by the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta. The Hon'ble Court viewed that this is an offence involving kidnapping of a two years old boy for ransom and there are sufficient materials connecting the aforesaid accused persons with the crime. Obviously, the charge sheet was already submitted by at the time of rejection. Time and again bail petition of these two accused persons were rejected by this learned court. I find no fresh ground to consider their bail prayer on the plea of submission of charge sheet, detention period and non application of section 364A IPC against them. The allegation besides other penal offence is of criminal conspiracy against ransom of over two crores

Considering all aspects and the nature and gravity of the offence, the bail prayer of these two accused persons is **rejected**.

To date i.e. 07.02.2024 for production of the accused persons and framing of charge.

Dictated & corrected by me

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