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WPA 8652 of 2024

**Shefali Khatun (Bibi) & Anr.
Vs
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Subharata Datta,
Mr. Jitendra Basik,
Mr. Aranya Saha.

...for the petitioners

Ms. Sudipa Banerjee,
Mr. Koushik Roy.

...for the State

1. Mr. Datta, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, submits that Harischandrapur Police Station Case No. 448 of 2020 dated 17th July, 2020 was registered for investigation into offences punishable under Sections 448 and 376D of the Indian Penal Code on the basis of a complaint containing serious allegations.

2. According to him, when the police did not initially act on the complaint, the complainant approached the jurisdictional Magistrate under Section 156(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, resulting in an order dated 12th March, 2020 directing registration and investigation. He further submits that Harischandrapur Police Station Case No. 389 of 2020 dated 21st June, 2020 was registered under Sections 420, 376, 506 and 109 of the Indian Penal Code against the petitioner and her husband on the complaint of one, Lipi Khatun. While a

charge-sheet has been submitted in Case No. 389 of 2020, a final report has been filed in Case No. 448 of 2020.

3. Learned counsel submits that, although the final report has been placed before the jurisdictional Magistrate, the petitioner is unable to ascertain the basis on which the investigating officer arrived at such a conclusion despite the serious allegations in the complaint. It is also submitted that the victim/complainant was not medically examined promptly after the complaint was lodged.

4. Having regard to the submissions made, the investigating officer of Harischandrapur Police Station Case No. 448 of 2020 shall produce the case diary before this Court on 1st October, 2026.

5. Let the matter appear on 1st October, 2026.

(Anuj Singh, J.)