AB 1098/2011 BEFORE THE HON BLE MR. JUSTICE BD AGARWAL

This application under Section 438 Cr.P.C. has been filed by accused/petitioner namely, Hafijul Islam @ Habijul Rahman @ Athta praying for bail, apprehending h is arrest, in connection with Bagribari PS Case No. 21/11 (GR No.193/11) under S ections 366(A)/420/34 IPC.

Heard Mr. R. Ali, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. B.S. Sinha, learned Addl. PP, Assam.

Perused the case diary.

Although the victim was a minor one, she herself stated in her s tatement recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. that she has voluntarily eloped with the accused due to their friendship and agreed to marry the accused. Not only t hat the victim girl also stated that even after her recovery, she again accompanied the accused on a pleasure trip.

Considering all aspects of the matter, the custodial interrogati on of the petitioner may not be required. Accordingly, the prayer for bail is a ccepted. The I.O. is directed to release the petitioner on bail, in the event of his arrest, in connection with the aforesaid PS case on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- with one local surety of the like amount to his satisfaction.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the I.O. within one week from to-day and shall co-operate in the investigation.

With the aforesaid directions, this bail application stands disposed of.