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C.R.M. (M) 1065 of 2026

In Re: An application for bail under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 correspondence to the Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 filed in connection with Baguiati Police Station Case No.509 of 2024 dated 25.08.2024 under Sections 4/6/12/14/15 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and charge-sheet submitted under Sections 4/6/12/14/15 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and supplementary charge-sheet adding Section 95 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023;

Arnab Singha
Versus
The State of West Bengal

Mr. Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee
Ms. Moumita Pandit
Ms. Ritushree Banerjee
Ms. Olivia Dutta.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Shataroop Purkayastha.
...for the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the case was instituted in the month of August, 2024. The principal accused has been arrested and subsequently granted bail. So far as the present petitioner is concerned, he is a friend of the principal accused for which he has been foisted with the present criminal case.

State submits that there were videos of circulation of obscene pictures. However, till date the forensic laboratory did not

render its opinion which was sought for almost 1½ years ago.

So far as the statement of the victim under Section 183 of the BNSS is concerned, prima facie, I find the accusations are against Tunir Majumdar. There is a sentence to the effect that she had a physical relationship with another person at the behest of the principal accused and the same was for the purposes of recording videos.

Having considered that charge-sheet has already been submitted and supplementary charge-sheet has also been submitted and the petitioner's locus is still vague and can only be ascertained after the expert opinion report is received, I am of the view that the petitioner who is in custody for 664 days should be released on bail. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is allowed.

Accordingly, the petitioner, namely, Arnab Singha shall be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties of Rs.10,000/- each, one of whom must be local to the satisfaction of the learned CJM, Barasat, 24 Parganas (North). If on bail, the petitioner shall be physically present on each and every date before the learned trial court and shall not leave the district of 24 Parganas (North) without prior permission of the learned trial court.

Thus, CRM(M)1065 of 2026 is allowed.

Report submitted by the State be kept with the record.

All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

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

(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)