

In the matter of : An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on February 5, 2021 in connection with Sadar RPF Malda case no. S.I.'s S.L. No. 31/15-16 dated February 10, 2016 under Sections 18(C)/8(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act;

And

In the matter of : Jhoru Ghosh @ Jharu ...petitioner.
Versus
State of West Bengal ...opposite party.

Mr. Arup Kumar Bhowmick,
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjay Bardhan,
Mr. Palash Ch. Majhi,
...for the State.

We have heard the learned advocates appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.

Having regard to the fact that the petitioner is absconding for last four years and that there are prima facie evidence to show possession and ownership of the land where the alleged cultivation of opium poppy plants were going on, we are not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

The application for anticipatory bail is, thus, **rejected**.

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(Suvra Ghosh, J.)

(Soumen Sen, J.)

