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CRM(A) 720 of 2022

In re : An Application for **anticipatory bail** under Section **438** of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Ketugram** Police Station Case No. **404** of **2020** dated **19.10.2020** under Sections **363/365/120B** of the Indian Penal Code adding Section **8** of POCSO Act.

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In the matter of : **Shibu Bagdi @ Shibak**
... **Petitioner**

Mr. Manas Kr. Das, Advocate
... ... For the Petitioner

Mr. Narayan Prasad Agarwal
Ms. Subhasree Patel, Advocates
... ...For the State

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that another co-accused was granted anticipatory bail by this Hon'ble Court.

Learned advocate appearing for the State draws the attention of the Court to the statements recorded under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the victim. He submits that the petitioner is the principal accused. Other co-accused who was granted anticipatory bail is the father of the petitioner.

Considering the statements recorded under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code where she narrates that she left voluntarily with the petitioner 15 months ago and considering the gravity of the offence and the involvement of the petitioner therein, we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, we direct that in the event of arrest the petitioner shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), with two sureties of like amount each, to the satisfaction of the arresting officer and also be subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and on further condition that the petitioner shall appear before the Court below and pray for regular bail within a period of four weeks from date and on further condition that the petitioner shall meet the Investigating Officer once in a month till completion of investigation.

Prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is **allowed.**

CRM(A) 720 of 2022 is **disposed of.**

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Bibhas Ranjan De, J.)