

1 20.04.2022
(AD) Court No.29
(Allowed)

C.R.M. (A)1537 of 2022

In Re: - An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Egra** P.S. Case No.**175 of 2022** dated **14/03/2022** under Section **135 (1) (b)** of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with amendment Act, 2007.

And

In the matter of: Prafulla Kumar Bar

....petitioner.

Sk. Sahjahan Ali

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Aniket Mitra

...for the WBSEDCL.

Ms. Sutapa Banerjee

... for the State.

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail.

Considering the fact that the petitioner deposited 50 per cent of the final assessment bill with the distribution company in terms of the order dated April 4, 2022 and considering the gravity of the offence and the involvement of the petitioner therein, we 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 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 will report before the Investigating Officer as and when called for till the conclusion of the investigation and on condition that the petitioner shall appear every day before the jurisdictional Court on and from the date fixed for appearance of the accused and in default, the jurisdictional Court will pass

appropriate order to secure the presence of the petitioner in Court including cancelling the anticipatory bail granted without further reference to this Court.

The prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is allowed.

C.R.M. (A) 1537 of 2022 is disposed of.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Bibhas Ranjan De, J.)