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C. R. M. (NDPS) 1074 of 2022

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 14.09.2022 in connection with Hili Police Station Case No.39 of 2022 dated 09.02.2022 under Sections 21(c)/22(c)/23(c)/27A of the NDPS Act.

And

In Re: ***Jahangir Mondal***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Sayan De
Mr. Sayan Kanjilal
Ms. Esha Acharya
Mr. Kaustuv Shome

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Ranadeb Sengupta

... .. for the State

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is in custody for about 116 days. It is further submitted no narcotic substance was recovered from his possession.

Learned advocate appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits petitioner has criminal antecedents.

We have considered the materials on record. We find that no narcotic substance was recovered from the possession of the petitioner and his complicity has transpired from the statement of co-accused before a police officer which is inadmissible in evidence. Under such circumstances, we are of the opinion that the petitioner has been able to rebut the statutory restrictions under Section 37 of the NDPS Act.

In view of the aforesaid fact and the period of detention suffered by the petitioner, we are of the opinion further detention of the accused/petitioner is not necessary and he may be enlarged on bail however, subject to strict restrictions in view of his antecedents.

Therefore, the accused/petitioner, namely ***Jahangir Mondal***, be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only), with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the learned Judge, Special Court under the NDPS Act-cum-Additional District & Sessions Judge, 3rd Court, Dakshin Dinajpur subject to condition that the said petitioner shall appear before the trial court on every date of hearing until further orders and shall not intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever or commit similar offences in future and on further condition that the petitioner, while on bail, shall not leave the jurisdiction of Hili Police Station except for the purpose of investigation and/or for attending court proceedings and shall report to the Officer-in-charge of the said police station once in a week until further orders.

In the event he fails to appear before the trial court without justifiable cause, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel his bail automatically without reference to this court.

The application for bail, thus, stands **allowed**.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)