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Ct. No. 29

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Allowed

C.R.M.(A) 5502 of 2022

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Balurghat** Police Station Case No. **389** of **2020** dated **07.10.2020** under Section 21(c)/22(c)/23(c)/25/27(A)/28/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

And

In Re : Arun Barman

..... petitioner

Mr. Kaushik Chaudhury

Ms. Busra Khatun

....for the petitioner

Mr. Binoy Kumar Panda

Mr. Subham Bhakat

....for the State

The police filed charge-sheet.

The police are, apparently, proceeding against the petitioner on the basis of the statement of the co-accused made while in custody. Similarly situate co-accuseds were granted anticipatory bail by this Hon'ble Court by the order dated November 24, 2021 passed in CRM 5809 of 2021.

At this stage, the police are unable to demonstrate any nexus between the petitioner and the person arrested with commercial quantity of narcotic and/or seized commercial quantity of narcotic.

In such circumstances, we are of the view that the petitioner is able to overcome the restrictions under Section 37 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Consequently, 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/-, 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 condition that the petitioner shall appear on every date 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.

This application for anticipatory bail is, thus, allowed.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Md. Shabbar Rashidi, J.)