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**In the High Court at Calcutta
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri**

CRM (A) 696 of 2022

In re : An Application for Anticipatory Bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Boxirhat Police Station Case No. 405 of 2022 dated 27.09.2022 under Sections 341/376/511/506 of the Indian Penal Code.

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In the matter of : **Manoranjan Barman**

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Hillol Saha Podder, Advocate

... .. For the Petitioner

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty, Advocate

Mr. Ujjwal Luksom, Advocate

Ms. Namrata Das, Advocate

... ...For the State

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail.

The statement of the victim recorded under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure claims that the petitioner attempted to ravish her.

At this stage, the materials in the case diary do not suggest that there is any independent witness to the incident.

In such circumstances, 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 condition that the petitioner will report before the Investigating Officer once in a fortnight till the conclusion of the investigation and on further 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.

Prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is allowed.

CRM (A) 696 of 2022 is disposed of.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Md. Shabbar Rashidi, J.)