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Court No.29

(AD)

(Allowed)

C.R.M. (A) 503 of 2023

In Re: - An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Murutia** Police Station Case No.**240 of 2022** dated **27.09.2022** under Sections **20(b)/29** of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

And

In the matter of: **Mannan Sk @ Mannan Malithya**

....petitioner.

Mr. Krishnendu Bhattacharya

Mr. Priyankar Ganguly

... for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjoy Bardhan

Ms. Debjani Dasgupta

...for the State.

Report as called for by the order dated February 6, 2023 filed in Court be taken on record.

The report does not demonstrate any nexus between the petitioner and the person arrested with the commercial quantity of narcotics and/or seized commercial quantity of narcotics.

The police apparently are proceeding on the basis of the statement of the co-accused made while in custody.

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/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), with two sureties of like amount each, to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer and 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 a week till the conclusion of the investigation 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.

Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is allowed.

C.R.M. (A) 503 of 2023 is, thus, disposed of.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Md. Shabbar Rashidi, J.)