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[Dd]

(Anticipatory bail)

(Allowed)

CRM (A) 1594 of 2023

In re : An Application for **Anticipatory Bail** under Section **438** of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Patashpur** Police Station Case No. **122** of **2023** dated **24.03.2023** under Sections **135(1)(b)** of the Electricity Act, 2003.

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In the matter of : **Guruprasad Pradhan**

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Soumyajit Das Mahapatra,

Ms. Madhurai Sinha, Advocates

... .. *For the Petitioner*

Mr. Bidyut Kr. Roy,

Ms. Rita Dutta, Advocates

... ..*For the State*

Mr. Aniket Mitra,

... ..*For the WBSEDCL*

Petitioner deposited the entire final assessment bill with the Distribution Company.

There is a certificate to such effect annexed to the application for anticipatory bail.

State is represented.

In such circumstances, considering the conduct of the petitioner and the gravity of the offence, 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 further condition that the petitioner shall report before the

Investigating Officer as and when called for 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) 1594 of 2023 is disposed of.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Md. Shabbar Rashidi, J.)