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

CRM (A) 1 of 2023

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 02.01.2023 in connection with Jalpaiguri Women Police Station Case No. 39 of 2022 dated 08.06.2022 under Section 8 of the POCSO Act.

In the matter of : Bhudev Roy

... petitioner

Mr. Anirban Banerjee

...for the petitioner

Mr. Kallol Acharja,
Ms. Namrata Das

.....for the State.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel appearing for the State objects to the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

However, keeping in mind that the allegations against the petitioner are not extremely grievous, we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, CRM (A) 1 of 2023 is allowed, thereby granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner on condition that the petitioner shall comply with the conditions as stipulated in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten

Thousand), with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the learned Judge, Special Court (under POCSO Act), Jalpaiguri and on further condition that the petitioner shall not leave the territorial jurisdiction of the concerned police station during the entire period of investigation and cooperate with the investigation and make himself available in the event so required to be present by the Investigating Officer during the entire period of investigation.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)

(Rai Chattopadhyay, J.)