

**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

21.08.2023
Court No.1
(AK 46)

CRM(A) 620 of 2023

In Re: An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 in connection with Jaigaon Police Station Case No. 215 of 2021 dated 20.09.2021 under Section 17(c) of the NDPS Act.

And

In the matter of: **Latif Mia @ Mafij**

.**Petitioner.**

Mr. Sandip Guha Roy

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty
Mr. Biswarup Roy

... For the State.

The petitioner has admittedly been absconding since 20th September, 2021.

Learned counsel appearing for the prosecution submits that the IO has prayed for a warrant of arrest against the petitioner sometime in October, 2022.

Since the petitioner is absconding for almost two years and on the fact that the petitioner has been named by the co-accused who is in custody, we are not inclined to allow the prayer for anticipatory bail.

The application for anticipatory bail being CRM(A) 620 of 2023 is accordingly rejected and disposed of for the above reasons.

(PRASENJIT BISWAS, J.)

(MOUSHUMI BHATTACHARYA, J.)