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Ct. No. 03
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REJECTED

C.R.M.(A) 1728 of 2024

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Sonamukhi** Police Station Case No. **174** dated **14.11.2022** under Sections **498A/307/406/34** of the Indian Penal Code read with Sections **3/4** of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

And

In Re: **Habal Chandra Pal & Anr.**

..... petitioners

Mr. Amajit De
Ms. Shakshi Rathi

...for the petitioners

Mr. Sujoy Sarkar

.... For the State

Petitioners renew the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail.

Earlier application was rejected on April 3, 2023.

Petitioners cite filing of the charge sheet and the fact that the husband was released on bail as grounds for renewal of the prayer for anticipatory bail.

With respect, none of the two grounds either on their own or cumulatively are good grounds to hold that there are material change in circumstances. Filing of charge sheet *per se* is no ground for grant of anticipatory bail. So also is the fact that one of the co-accused was enlarged on bail a good ground.

Moreover, there is an issue of long absconsion with the police case being dated November 14, 2022.

In such circumstances, we are unable to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners and the prayer for anticipatory bail is rejected.

Accordingly, **C.R.M. (A) 1728 of 2024** is dismissed.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Md. Shabbar Rashidi, J.)