

04.07.2024
Court No.29
Item No. 38

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CRM (A) 2117 of 2024

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Bhatar Police Station Case No. 271 of 2024 dated 04.06.2024 under Sections 409/419/420/120B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 66 of I.T. Act.

And

In Re: **Somnath Mukherjee**

Petitioner

Mrs. Sutapa Sanyal
Mr. Anirban Pramanick
Mr. Rajarshi Kundu

For the Petitioner

Mr. Rudradipta Nandy
Miss. Nahid Ahmed

For the State

1. The petitioner is the Branch Manager of South Indian Bank Limited, Bardhaman Birhata Branch, District Purba Bardhaman. The petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and the complicity of the petitioner as alleged by the other co-accused is flimsy and untruthful.
2. The learned Counsel for the State, in opposing the prayer for anticipatory bail, has referred to the complaint and the statement of the de-facto complainant recorded under Section 161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and has submitted that all the co-accused are prima facie guilty of money laundering.
3. Considering the materials available in the case diary, the statement of the complainant and the nature of transaction as revealed from the case diary as

also having regard to the fact that it is an early stage of investigation, we are not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the present petitioner.

4. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners is rejected.
5. CRM (A) 2117 of 2024 is, thus, dismissed.

(Soumen Sen, J.)

(Uday Kumar, J.)