

19.08.2024

Court No.29

Item No. 30

Rejected

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CRM (A) 2822 of 2024

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure corresponding to Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Hanskhali Police Station Case No. 112 of 2024 dated 18.02.2024 corresponding to G.R Case No. 685 of 2024 under Sections 420/406/465/471/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re: **Babu Dutta**

Petitioner

Ms. Minoti Gomes

Ms. Dona Sanyal

For the Petitioner

Mr. Debasish Roy, Ld. P.P

Mr. Arijit Ganguly

Mr. Koushik Kundu

For the State

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner claims parity with Mr. Koushik Bose @ Ghosh, who was granted anticipatory bail on 22.5.2024 in connection with CRM (A) 1753 of 2024.
2. Learned counsel for the State has produced the case diary and submits that the petitioner is the principal accused.
3. It appears from the record that the petitioner himself claimed to be a WBCS Officer and represented that he would be the next B.D.O of Hanskhali and he used to use the vehicle with the placard "Government of West Bengal" and he offered government job to the de-facto complainant and other persons in lieu of cash. Prima facie, it appears that the petitioner has collected around Rs. 5 lakhs (Rs.5,00,000/-) from the de-facto complainant and the other persons.
4. On such consideration, we are not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is rejected and the same is accordingly disposed of.
6. All parties shall act on the server copies of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

(Soumen Sen, J)

(Uday Kumar , J)