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C.R.M. (A) No. 145 of 2025

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita in connection with Jhargram Police Station Case No. 258 of 2024 dated 26.08.2024 under Section 69 of the BNS.

And

In Re : Sripati Mahata petitioner

Mr. Soumyajit Das Mahapatra

Ms. Madhurai Sinha

Mr. Ranabeer Halder

.....for the petitioner

Mr. Sujan Chatterjee

....for the State

1. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits victim is a married adult lady. He prays for anticipatory bail.

2. Learned Counsel for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail and submits victim had become pregnant.

3. We have considered the materials on record. Victim is a married adult lady. Allegation that she cohabited with the petitioner on the false promise of marriage has to be assessed at the appropriate stage of the proceeding. Under such circumstances we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Accordingly, we direct that in the event of arrest the petitioner shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/-, with two sureties of like amount each, to the

satisfaction of the arresting officer and also be subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and on condition that he shall appear before the jurisdictional court and pray for regular bail within a period of four weeks from date.

5. The application for anticipatory bail is, thus, allowed.

(Subhendu Samanta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)