

CRM (NDPS) 166 of 2025

In re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure/Section 483 of the BNSS in connection with **Belda Police Station** Case No. **84 of 2024** dated **11.04.2024** under Sections **20(b)(ii)(c)/25/29** of the NDPS Act.

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In the matter of : Ichhanabi Mondal

.... Petitioner.

Mr. Soumik Ganguly,
Ms. Priti Barman,

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Anand Keshri,
Ms. Eshita Dutta,

... for the State.

Dictated by Arijit Banerjee, J:-

1. The petitioner says that he has been falsely implicated. Although he is the owner of the truck from which seizure of commercial quantity of contraband items was made, he has no role to play in the alleged offence. He had hired out his vehicle to a third party who was operating the same. He is in custody for 98 days. He prays for bail.

2. Opposing the bail prayer, learned State Advocate says that 501 kgs of ganja was recovered from the truck in question. Undisputedly, the petitioner is the owner of the truck. It is inconceivable that the petitioner was not aware that his truck was being used for illegal purpose.

3. At this stage, we are in agreement with learned Advocate for the State. 501 kgs of ganja is a huge quantity. In view of the restrictions in Section 37 of the NDPS Act, we are not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, at this stage.

4. CRM (NDPS) 166 of 2025 is, thus, dismissed.
5. All parties shall act in terms of server copy of the order downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Prasenjit Biswas, J.)

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)