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C.R.M. (A) No. 454 of 2025

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita in connection with Bodra Police Station Case No. 01 of 2025 dated 03.01.2025 under Section 64(2) of the BNS and Section 6 of the POCSO Act and Section 9 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act.

And
In Re : XXXX petitioner

Ms. Sonali Das
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Binoy Kumar Panda
Mr. Sobhan Gani
....for the State

Mr. Bitasok Banerjee
..... for the de facto complainant

1. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits there was a romantic association between the parties. He prays for anticipatory bail.

2. Learned Counsel for the *de facto* complainant does not oppose the prayer for anticipatory bail.

3. Learned Counsel for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail and submits victim is a minor.

4. We have considered the materials on record. Romantic association developed between two young persons. Keeping in mind the aforesaid fact we are of the opinion no worthwhile purpose would be served in committing the

petitioner to custody. Under such circumstances we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. 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.

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

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)