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C. R. M. (A) 444 of 2025

In Re: An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Pandeveswar Police Station Case No. 132 of 2024 dated 10.09.2024 under Sections 498A/323/354/307/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3/ 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

In Re: Sadananda Pal.

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Debanshu Ghorai.

... .. for the Petitioner

Mr. Shiladitya Banerjee,
Mr. Saptarshi Chakraborty.

... .. for the State

1. Petitioner is the father-in-law of the victim lady. It is contended the de-facto complainant-wife is residing at her paternal home since 2021. Accordingly, he prays for bail.
2. Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.
3. We have considered the materials on record. In the FIR it is alleged petitioner molested the victim-wife. But petitioner contends she is residing at her parental home since 2021. Credibility of such allegation requires to be assessed at the appropriate stage of the proceeding. Investigation is complete.
4. Hence, we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.
5. Accordingly, we direct that in the event of arrest, the petitioner viz., **Sadananda Pal** 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 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS. He shall appear before the jurisdictional court and pray for regular bail within four weeks from date.

6. The application for anticipatory bail is, thus, disposed of.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)