

10.04.2025

Item No.12

Ct.No.34

rc.

Allowed

C.R.M. (DB) 823 of 2025

In Re : An Application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure read with Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Bhatar Police Station Case No. 271 of 2024 dated 04.06.2024 under Sections 409/419/420/120B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2002.

And

In Re : **Somnath Mukherjee**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Sekhar Basu
Mr. Souvik Mitter
Mr. Deepanjan Dutta Roy
Mr. Aditya Mukherjee
Mr. Aditya Thyagrajan
Ms. Sanjana Jha

... for the Petitioner.

Ms. Anusuya Sinha
Ms. Shaila Afrin

... For the State.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for about 70 days. Co-accused have been granted bail earlier. His further detention is not required and he shall cooperate in investigation, if released on bail.

Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

It appears that the petitioner is in custody for about 70 days. Co-accused have been granted bail earlier. The petitioner is the branch manager of South Indian Bank Limited, Bardhaman Birhata Branch, District – Purba Bardhaman. Investigation has proceeded to some extent.

Considering the material on record, this Court is of the view that further detention of the petitioner is not required and he may be released on bail subject to stringent condition. Accordingly, prayer for bail is allowed.

The petitioner, **Somnath Mukherjee**, be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman subject to condition that he shall meet the Investigating Officer as and when required till submission of the charge sheet. The petitioner shall not intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever.

The application for bail is, thus, disposed of.

Case Diary be returned.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)