

02.09.2025

Item No.16

Ct.No.34

rc.

Allowed

C.R.M. (M) 1161 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 Panchasayar Police Station Case No. 20 of 2020 dated 17.03.2020.

And

In Re : **Santu Chatterjee**

... Petitioner

Mr. Sabyasachi Banerjee

Mr. Apalak Basu

Ms. Sanghamitra Mridha

Mr. Shuvam Kanjilal

... for the Petitioner

Mr. Rudradipta Nandy

Mr. Bibaswan Bhattacharyya

Mr. Kaustav Banerjee

... for the State

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for more than five years. The petitioner seeks parity with the co-accused Subrata Kamat and Susanta Kirtania @ Dholu who have been granted bail by this court earlier.

Such fact is not disputed by the learned counsel for the State.

In view of the fact that petitioner is similarly circumstanced with the co-accused who have been granted bail, he deserves the same benefit.

Accordingly, prayer for bail is allowed.

The petitioner **Santu Chatterjee**, 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, Alipore subject to condition that he shall appear before the learned trial Court on every date of hearing. He shall not intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever.

In the event the petitioner fails to appear before the learned trial Court on any date without justifiable cause, the learned trial Court shall be at liberty to cancel his bail in accordance with law without further reference to this Court.

The application for bail is, thus, disposed of.

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

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)