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CRM (A) 2963 of 2025

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 corresponding to Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Tamluk PS Case No.762/2023 dated 10.07.2023 under Sections 143/341/323/235/326/307/379/435/506/120B of the IPC and Section 25 and 27 of the Arms Act.

And

In the matter of: Bharat Pradhan

... petitioner

Mr. Masum Ali Sardar
...for the petitioner.

Ms. Sayanti Santra,
Ms. Eshita Dutta.
...for the State.

Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner is claiming parity in respect of other co-accused who were granted anticipatory bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 02.01.2024 in *CRM (A) 4351 of 2023*. He submits that 11 other co-accused were granted anticipatory bail by the High Court.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail. However, she submits that the present petitioner is substantially on the same footing as the one granted anticipatory bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

On the ground of parity, the application for anticipatory bail of the present petitioner is allowed.

Accordingly, 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, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer and subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure,

corresponding to Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and on further condition that the petitioner shall not threaten or intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever. As charge sheet has already been submitted, let the petitioner surrender before the jurisdictional Court and pray for bail within six weeks from this date and attend the jurisdictional Court regularly.

The application for anticipatory bail being **C.R.M. (A) 2963 of 2025** is, thus, allowed.

The presence of the Investigating Officer is noted and is dispensed with.

Urgent photostat certified copies of this order may be delivered to the learned Advocates for the parties, if applied for, upon compliance of all formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)