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CRM (A) 3211 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 Asansol North PS Case No.592/2024 dated 01.12.2024 under Sections 318(4)/316(2)/338/336(3)/340(2)/61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

And

In the matter of: Kumar Pranav @ Pranav Kumar

... petitioner

Mr. Avik Ghatak,
Mr. Saibal Krishna Dasgupta,
Mr. Samudraneel Nandi.
...for the petitioner.

Ms. Rituparna Ghosh De,
Ms. Pallavi Priyadarshee.
...for the State.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner was not named in the FIR as an accused. The FIR was lodged by the de facto complainant against her own elder sister alleging that she had been taking out jewellery from their common bank locker and selling them off and had been parting with properties by forging signatures. The petitioner has no connection whatsoever with the alleged offences.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State strongly opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail. She relies on the case diary and shows that there is a money trail showing transfer of money from the principal accused to the present petitioner and his wife. Actually, the present petitioner was a god man under whose influence the said elder sister committed such crimes. Upon enquiry, it is submitted on behalf of the State that the principal

accused works as an agent in the Life Insurance Corporation of India and earns about Rs.2,00,000/- per month.

Considering the materials available in the case diary, the fact that the prosecution case against the present petitioner is based mainly on the statement of a co-accused besides the bank statements, the fact that there is no indication that the funds transferred from the principal accused to the present petitioner was not her own, I do not think that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required in this case and I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the present petitioner.

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 cooperate with the investigation and shall not threaten or intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever and the petitioner shall meet the Investigating Officer once a fortnight till submission of report in final form.

The application for anticipatory bail being **CRM (A) 3211 of 2025** is, thus, allowed.

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.)

