

3. Learned Counsel for the *de facto* complainant also opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

4. We have considered the materials on record including statement of the *de facto* complainant. She has alleged petitioner i.e. her husband had sold her for sexual exploitation. Her statement does not implicate other in-laws in the said act. Petitioner does not stand on the same footing with the co-accused who have granted anticipatory bail.

5. In view of the gravity of offence and prima facie involvement of the petitioner, we are not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, prayer for anticipatory bail is rejected.

(Shampa Dutt (Paul), J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)