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Item no. 10.
Court No.1.
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**Calcutta High Court
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri**

CRM (A) 181 of 2025

In Re: An Application for Anticipatory Bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973/Under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Kotwali Police Station Case No.202 of 2025 Dated 25.02.2025 under Sections 61(2)/314/316(2)/318(2)/318(4) of the B.N.S., 2023.

And

**In the matter of : Pradip Kumar Bhadra @ Pradip Bhadra.
...Petitioner.**

Mr. Sudip Guha,
Mr. Ananda Paul,
Mr. Sandip Guha Roy,for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kallol Acharjee,
Mr. Biswaru Roy,for the State.

1. The petitioner says that he has absolutely no role to play in the alleged offence of cheating. He had introduced the de facto complainant to his nephew who was an agent of a finance company. The de facto complainant invested money in that company and, thereafter, there were some problems. The de facto complainant, apparently, has not got his money back. Excepting that the petitioner introduced the de facto complainant to the agent who was his nephew, the petitioner has no connection with the alleged offence.

2. Learned State counsel shows me the material-on-record. It does appear that apart from having introduced the de facto complainant to his nephew who worked as an agent of the concerned finance company, the petitioner has no role to play in the alleged offence.
3. On an assessment of the material-on-record and considering the nature and gravity of the alleged offence and also considering that the petitioner is about 67 years old, I am of the view that immediate custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary, so long as he co-operates with the investigating officer.
4. Accordingly, in the event of arrest, the petitioner, namely, **Pradip Kumar Bhadra @ Pradip Bhadra** 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 the arresting officer and shall abide by the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973/Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 until further orders and on further condition that the petitioner shall meet the Officer-in-Charge/Inspector-in-Charge of the Kotwali Police Station once in a fortnight until further orders. Within seven days from date, the petitioner shall go and meet the Officer-in-Charge/Inspector-in-Charge of the said police station.

5. In case the petitioner fails to adhere to any of the conditions mentioned in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973/Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the learned Court below shall be entitled to cancel the anticipatory bail without further reference to this Court.
6. The application for anticipatory bail, being CRM (A) 181 of 2025, stands disposed of.
7. All parties shall act in terms of server copy of the order downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)