

09.06.2025

Item No.21

Ct.No.2

dc.

Rejected

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI**

C.R.M. (NDPS) 180 of 2025

In Re : An Application for bail under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 corresponding to Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 filed in connection with Pradhannagar Police Station Case No. 916 of 2021 dated 14.11.2021 under Sections 21(c)/22(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

And

In Re : **Arjun Prasad**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Saikat Chatterjee,
Mr. Chattu Roy

... For the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was earlier granted bail on 13.09.2023. However, because of his absence, the learned Trial Court initially issued warrant of arrest and thereafter issued an order of attachment.

Learned advocate appearing for the State submits that because of the petitioner, there has been delay in trial.

I have considered the documents enclosed along with the application for bail which includes the earlier order passed in CRM (NDPS) 712 of 2023 wherein directions were passed that the petitioner should not leave the territorial jurisdiction of the trial court during the entire period of trial and shall attend the trial on each and every date. Having

regard to the fact that the petitioner has ignored the order passed by the High Court and misused the liberty of bail, I am not inclined to release the petitioner on bail considering the fact that the case was registered in the year 2021 and till date, out of 16 witnesses, only one witness has been examined. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **rejected**.

Learned Trial Court would take steps so that at least a schedule of three dates is fixed once in a month so that trial of the case can be taken to its logical conclusion within a reasonable period of time.

The application for bail, being CRM (NDPS) 180 of 2025, is, thus, dismissed.

All concerned parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

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

(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)