

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

22.01.2025.
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C.R.M. (A) 919 of 2024

In Re : An application for anticipatory bail under section 482 of BNSS 2023 in connection with Pradhannagar P.S case no. 538 of 2024 dated 27.8.2024 under sections 126(2)/78(1)(i)/351(2)(3) of BNS 2023 read with section 12 of the POCSO Act
And

Allowed

In Re : Sushil Poddar @ Chhotu Kumarpetitioner

Mr. Arnab Sengupta
Mr. S Hussain
Ms. Anamika Bhat

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Nilay Chakraborty, Id APP
Ms. Namrata Das

...for the State

1. Heard learned lawyers for the parties.
2. We have considered the materials on record including statement of the minor victim. From her statement it appears there was dispute between the petitioner and the victim's family members. Petitioner had abused the victim on a number of occasions.
3. Keeping in mind the nature of accusation we are of the opinion custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary and he may be granted anticipatory bail.
4. Accordingly, we direct that in the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs. 10,000/- each with two sureties of like amount each, to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer and also subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the

BNSS 2023 and on further condition that the petitioner while on bail shall meet the investigating officer once in a week until further orders.

5. Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional court and pray for regular bail within four weeks from date.

6. The application being CRM (A) 919 of 2024 is disposed of.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)