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(Rejected).

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri**

C.R.M. (A) 947 of 2024

In Re:- An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Cooch Behar Sadar Women P. S. Case No.193 of 2024 dated 30.09.2024 under Sections 329(4)/70/127(2)/351(3) of the BNS, 2023.

In the matter of : **1) Abdul Masud @ Masud Hoque;
2) Rabiul Alom @ Hossain &
3) Rajikul Islam @ Hossain.**
... Petitioners.

Mr. Sudip Guha.
...for the Petitioners.

Mr. Ujjwal Luksom,
Ms. Namrata Das.
.....for the State.

Dr. Arjun Chowdhury,
Ms. Riya Agarwal.
...for the de-facto complainant.

1. Petitioners contend there is delay in lodging First Information Report. Hence, they pray for anticipatory bail.
2. Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.
3. Learned Advocate for the de-facto complainant also opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.
4. We have considered the materials on record including statement of the victim under Section 183 of BNSS. Her statement implicates the petitioner in the crime.

5. Keeping in mind the nature of the crime and *prima facie* involvement of the petitioner in the offence, we are not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners is rejected.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)