

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

20.01.2025.
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C.R.M. (A) 949 of 2024

In Re : An application for anticipatory bail under section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Pundibari P.S case no. 34 of 2023 dated 18.1.2024 under sections 365/376D/323/109 IPC

And

In Re : Sanjit Dhar @ Mahadeb Dhar @ Sansit Dhar
...petitioner

Mr. Ananda Paul

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Saikat Chatterjee

Mr. Chattu Roy

...for the State

Mr. Swarup Das

...for the de facto complainant

1. Heard learned lawyers for the parties.
2. We have considered the material on record. Statement of the victim implicates the petitioner in the gang rape. He does not stand on the same footing with co-accused Sarala Dhar who has been granted anticipatory bail. In view of the gravity of offence and *prima facie* involvement of the petitioner therein, we are not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to him.
3. Accordingly, prayer for anticipatory bail is rejected.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)