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C.R.M. (M) 179 of 2026

In Re: An application for bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with Manikchak Police Station Case No.39 of 2025 dated 14.01.2025 under Section 64 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 read with Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012;

Sayan Mandal  
Versus  
The State of West Bengal & Anr.

Mr. Kalidas Saha  
Ms. Khushi Mollick  
Mr. Pikesh Kumar Chauhan.  
...for the petitioner.

Ms. Sujata Das  
Mr. Dattatreya Dutta.  
...for the State.

Mr. Sariful Alam  
Mr. Romit Dutta  
Ms. Sanjukta Samanta.  
...for the de facto complainant.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the petitioner be kept with the record.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for 1 year 1 month and the evidence of the victim is over. Learned advocate emphasises on the cross-examination of the victim.

Learned advocate for the de facto complainant also submits that conditions be imposed for release of the petitioner and leaves it to the discretion of the Court.

Learned advocate for the State has produced the case

diary and drawn the attention of the Court to the statement under Section 183 of the BNSS as also the medical report.

I find from the medical report that there was sexual assault upon the victim. Petitioner is trying to take advantage of the present series of events.

Having considered the same, I am of the view that at this stage of the case considering the complicity of the present petitioner, I am not inclined to release the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

Thus, CRM(M)179 of 2026 is dismissed.

All 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 of all requisite formalities.

**(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)**