

18.02.2026

Item No.12

Ct.No.35

dc.

Rejected

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS JURISDICTION**

C.R.M. (M) 222 of 2026

In Re : An Application for bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with Liluah Police Station Case No. 121 of 2025 dated 22.02.2025 under Sections 118(2)/109/3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 read with Sections 25(1-B)(a)/27 of the Arms Act and charge-sheet submitted under Sections 118(2)/109/61(2)(b)/3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

And

In Re : **Chotelal Ray @ Machher @ Chhotelal Ray**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Debapriya Majumder

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Sandip Chakraborty,

Ms. Rajashree Tah

... For the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and the accused Dablu Singh, who has been granted bail in CRM (M) 2322 of 2025, are on the same footing. Petitioner is in custody for 11 months 15 days and till date, only charge has been framed and the prosecution proposes to examine 30 witnesses cited in the charge-sheet. As such, petitioner prays for bail on any stringent condition.

Learned advocate appearing for the State, on the other hand, opposes the prayer for bail and submits that the earlier order passed by this Court on 05.02.2026 itself reflects the complicity of the present petitioner, Machhar Singh, who is one and the same person. There is consistent version of the witnesses regarding the complicity of the present petitioner.

Having taken into account the materials appearing in the case diary, I am of the view that this is not a fit case for granting bail to the petitioner at this stage. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **rejected**.

The application for bail, being CRM (M) 222 of 2026, 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.)