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Item No.5

Ct.No.35

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Allowed

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS JURISDICTION

C.R.M. (NDPS) 231 of 2026

In Re : An Application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 corresponding to Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with NCB Crime No. 15/NCB/KOL/2024 under Sections 8(c)/21(c)/25/27A/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

And

In Re : **Koushik Haldar**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Joy Chakraborty

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Arun Kumar Maiti (Mohanty)

Mr. Sagar Saha

... For the N.C.B.

The subject-matter of the case relates to alleged recovery of about 15000 bottles of Phensedyl. So far as the allegation against the present petitioner viz. Koushik Haldar is concerned, it has been stated that he has been escorting the vehicle which was carrying the contraband.

Report submitted by the concerned officer of the NCB reflects that the petitioner viz. Koushik Haldar in its voluntary statement revealed that he was working for Goutam Mondal in guiding the trucks loaded with narcotic drugs to reach its destination. He was working as "lineman for Goutam Mondal and started his work 3 to 4 months ago along with one Shuvo Ghosh".

Learned advocate appearing for the NCB produces the complaint which reflects that the petitioner was maintaining

a distance of 1 to 2 kms. with a bike thereby escorting the truck which was intercepted for carrying the contraband.

Petitioner is in custody for 1 year 7 months. The accused Goutam Mondal has already been granted bail. Having regard to the fact appearing from the report as well as the complaint and there being no possibility of the trial commencing very soon as also the fact that the petitioner was a lineman of the accused Goutam Mondal who is already on bail, I am of the opinion that without entering into the merits of the case and only considering the period of detention of the present petitioner, he may be released on bail. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **allowed**.

Accordingly, the petitioner viz., **Koushik Haldar** shall be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.20,000/-, with two sureties of Rs.10,000/- each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the learned Judge, Special Court under the NDPS Act-cum-Additional Sessions Judge, 6th Court, Barasat.

If on bail, the petitioner shall be physically present on each and every date so fixed by the learned Special Court.

The petitioner shall also not leave the jurisdiction of the district of North 24-Parganas except for the purposes of attending an officer deputed by the Superintendent of NCB which would be once in a week for the next six months. Learned Special Court will reconsider whether such condition would continue or not.

Report submitted by the learned advocate appearing for the NCB be kept with the record.

The application for bail, being CRM (NDPS) 231 of 2026, is, thus, disposed of.

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.)