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C.R.M. (R) 20 of 2026

In Re: An application for Bail under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023
filed in connection with Khardah Police Station Case No.25 of 2025
dated 17.01.2025 under Section 8 of POCSO Act;

Sudarshan Chatterjee
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Anr.

Mr. Debasis Kar
Mr. Arka Tilak Bhadra
Ms. Suhana Parveen
Ms. Paramita Mukherjee.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Prasun Kr. Datta
Ms. Rita Datta.
...for the State.

Ms. Tannistha Bandyopadhyay.
...for the de facto complainant.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits
that the petitioner was arrested on 25th February, 2025 and since
then the petitioner is in custody. Charge-sheet has already been
submitted and charges have already been framed.

Learned advocate for the de facto complainant as well as
the State opposes the prayer for bail and draws the attention of the
Court to the statement of the victim under Section 183 of the BNSS.
Learned advocates have also relied upon the statement of other
witnesses.

I have taken into account the same, at this stage, I do not
intend to comment whether an offence has been made out but
prima facie I find that the prosecution has charged the petitioner

under Section 8 of the POCSO Act.

Having considered the same and that the petitioner is in custody for more than 11 ½ months, I am of the view that further detention of the petitioner may not be warranted in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is allowed. The petitioner, namely, Sudarshan Chatterjee shall be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties of Rs.10,000/- each, one of whom must be local to the satisfaction of the learned Judge, Special Court, under POCSO Act, Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas. If on bail, the petitioner shall be physically present on each and every date fixed before the learned trial court and would co-operate in the progress of the trial of the case. Petitioner shall not leave the district of North 24 Parganas without the prior permission of the learned special court.

Accordingly, CRM(R) 20 of 2026 is allowed.

The investigating officer of the case is present. His further appearance before this Court is dispensed with.

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.)

