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C.R.M. (M) 557 of 2026

In Re: An application for bail under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 corresponding to Section 439 of the Code of the Criminal Procedure, 1973 filed in connection with Gurap Police Station Case No.212 of 2022 dated 04.11.2022 under Sections 302/201/120B/34 of the Indian Penal Code;

Madhumita Pal  
Versus  
The State of West Bengal

Ms. Shreyeta Mitra.  
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjay Banerjee  
Mr. Akash Ganguly.  
...for the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the co-accused against whom similar allegations have been levelled of conspiracy with the present petitioner has been granted bail in CRM(M)2199 of 2025. Additionally, it has been submitted that the petitioner is in custody for 3 years 4 months, 11 witnesses have been examined till date and prosecution proposes to examine 21 witnesses.

On the other hand, learned advocate for the State submits that State intends to examine 6 more witnesses (in all 17 witnesses).

Having considered the totality of the circumstances, period of detention of the present petitioner and similarly placed accused person has already been granted bail - without entering into the merits of the case I am of the opinion that the petitioner be

released on bail because of the period of detention. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is allowed. The petitioner, namely, Madhumita Pal 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 CJM, Hooghly. If on bail, the petitioner shall be physically present on each and every date fixed before the learned trial court and shall not leave the district of Hooghly without prior permission of the learned trial court. It is further clarified that if the learned trial court is of the opinion that additional conditions are required for ensuring the appearance of the petitioner, it would be the discretion of the learned trial court to impose such conditions.

Accordingly, CRM(M) 557 of 2026 is allowed.

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.)**