

25.06.2026

Item No.68

Ct.No.35

dc.

Rejected

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

C.R.M. (M) 877 of 2026

In Re : An Application for bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with Saktipur Police Station Case No. 14 of 2025 dated 19.01.2025 under Sections 137(2)/140(3)/3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and charge-sheet submitted under Sections 137(2)/140(3)/3(5)/64(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

And

In Re : **Manaj Chowdhury @ Manoj Chowdhury**
... Petitioner.

Mr. Somnath Adhikary
... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Gurudas Mitra,
Mr. Utsav Dutta
... For the State.

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

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been detained in custody unnecessarily for more than 500 days. Charges have been framed and date has been fixed for evidence.

Learned advocate appearing for the State, on the other hand, opposes the prayer for bail and produces the case diary.

The earlier order dated 26.11.2025 specifically states that petitioner would approach this Court after the examination of the victim under Section 35 of the POCSO Act is concluded. Having considered the direction passed by this Court on 26.11.2025 and the stage is yet to be completed, I am of the opinion that there are no change of

circumstances. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **rejected**.

Petitioner will approach this Court after the evidence of the victim is over as was directed earlier.

Memo of Evidence submitted by the learned advocate appearing for the State be kept with the record.

The application for bail, being CRM (M) 877 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.)