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April 9, 2026
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Allowed

CRM(A) 1076 of 2026

An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Burwan P.S. Case No.101 of 2026 dated 12.03.2026 under Sections 319(2)/318(4)/303(2)/316(5) of the BNS, 2023.

And

In the matter of: Abhijit Mandal

... petitioner

Mr. P.K. Chatterjee, Sr. Adv.
Ms. M. Chatterjee

... for the petitioner

Mr. Iqbal Kabir
Mr. Debanik Das

... for the State

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was engaged as a postmaster in a village post office in 2020. He was given a letter of permanent engagement in the year 2024. Suddenly, he was served with a put-off duty order and an FIR was registered against him alleging misappropriation of funds to the tune of Rs.2 lakhs and odd. A disciplinary proceeding was started, during which the petitioner was directed to pay Rs.6.7 lakhs and odd. He did so, without prejudice. The petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case.

Learned counsel for the State relies on the statements of witnesses and the enquiry report.

Considering the above, the other materials available in the case diary and the fact that against the alleged

misappropriation of Rs.2 lakhs and odd, the petitioner has already paid a sum of Rs.6.7 lakhs and odd, without prejudice and the bulk of investigation has already been done, I do not think that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required in this case and I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer and also be subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 corresponding to Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023 and on the further conditions that the petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation, shall meet the investigating officer once a fortnight till submission of report in final form and shall not threaten or intimidate witnesses.

The application for anticipatory bail is, thus, allowed.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of requisite formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)