

18.06.2026
Court No.28
Item No.18
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Allowed

CRM (A) 1488 of 2026

In Re: - An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with **Panchla** P.S. Case No.**45 of 2026** dated **07.02.2026** under Sections **80, 85,103(1) and 3(5)** of the BNS, 2023.

And

In the matter of: Baby Khatun @ Sk. Baby Khatun @ Baby Begum & Anr.

....Petitioners.

Mr. Angshunath Chakraborty

...for the petitioners.

Mr. Sayan Mukherjee

....for the State.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioners is taken on record.

Report filed on behalf of the State is also taken on record.

Despite service by the Investigating Officer, no one appears on behalf of the de facto complainant.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits as follows. The petitioners are the sister-in-law and the brother-in-law of the alleged victim. They reside separately. The marriage between the couple in question took place in the year 2020 when the victim was allegedly 16 years old. At the time of her death, the victim was 22 years old. The husband was arrested and was thereafter granted bail. The parents-in-law were also arrested and continue to remain custody. The petitioners are in no way connected with the alleged offence.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State relies on the case diary and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail. He refers to

the post mortem report and the statements of witnesses including those of neighbours.

Considering the above, the other materials available in the case diary, the fact that one of the principal accused, being the husband, was arrested and was thereafter granted bail and the fact that two other co-accused being the parents-in-law, are already in custody, and further considering that charge sheet has been submitted, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the present petitioners, who are the sister-in-law and brother-in-law of the alleged victim.

In the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/- each 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 further condition that the petitioners shall surrender before the learned jurisdictional Court within four weeks from this date and pray for bail and shall regularly attend the jurisdictional Court and shall not threaten or intimidate witnesses.

The application for anticipatory bail is, thus, allowed.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order may be supplied to the parties expeditiously, if applied for.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)