20.11.2026
Court No.35.
D/L. 27.
Kausik
(Allowed)

CRM (A) 3880 of 2026

In Re: An Application for Anticipatory Bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973/Under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Beldanga Police Station Case No. 463 of 2026 dated 17.07.2026 under sections 316(2)/318(4)/3(5) of the BNS, 2023.

And

In the matter of : Anuradha Hazra Banerjee

.....Petitioner.

Mr. Kaushik Gupta, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Apan Saha
Ms. Isita Kundu
Mr. Dhiman Banerjee
Mr. Taslim Ahmed

.....for the Petitioner.

Mr. Parmanand Sharma, Ld. APP
Ms. Hasi Saha

....for the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been foisted with the present criminal case after there has been change in administration.

Learned advocate appearing for the State submits that the petitioner was the Chairman of the Beldanga Municipality. Money was withdrawn from Government funds in respect of work which was not done. The same was approved by this petitioner.

State has produced the materials before this Court. According to the State, the prosecution case is that, for drainage work, amount was given to different persons and from the said accounts money was paid in cash to the present petitioner. Although, there has been transfer of money to the account of different persons but withdrawal of amount or forwarding of any amount from those persons who have received the money to the present petitioner, is not revealed at this stage from the case diary.

Having considered the overall materials in the present case as is appearing on date, I am of the opinion that although a case has been made out, but custodial detention of the petitioner who is a lady may not be warranted as the flow of money trail, till date in its complete form, has not surfaced in the case diary.

Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail is allowed.

As such, I direct that in the event of arrest, the petitioner, namely **Anuradha Hazra Banerjee** be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the investigating officer/arresting officer of the case and also subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. and/or under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

Petitioner shall make herself available as and when called for by the investigating officer and shall leave the District

of Murshidabad only by informing the jurisdictional Court concerned.

Accordingly, CRM (A) 3880 of 2026 is **allowed**.

Memo of Evidence submitted be kept with the record.

All parties shall act in terms of server copy of the order 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.)