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Court No.6
S. Kundu
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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI**

CRM (A) 54 of 2026

In Re: An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023. In connection with Mathabhanga P.S case no. 784 of 2025 dated 20/09/2025 under sections 137(2)/140(2)/49 of the BNS.

In the matter of: Binod Barman & Ors.

...Petitioners.

Mr. H.S. Podder

...for the petitioners.

Mr. Nilay Chakraborty

Mr. Tapan Bhattacharyya

...for the State.

1. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits as follows. The alleged victim had a love affair with the principal accused in this case the late Phul Kumar Barman. She eloped with him of her own accord. However, after her return, she took a different stand. The principal accused committed suicide as a criminal case had been started against him. The present petitioners are the only relatives of the said principal accused. There is an FIR started from the end of the petitioners in this regard.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail. He refers to the statement of the victim recorded before the learned Magistrate, the medical report and some other statements. The

statement of certain locals referred to a possibility of the petitioners and the principal accused the alleged victim eloping with the principal accused.

3. Considering the above, the other materials available in the case diary and the fact that the principal accused committed suicide, I do not think that custodial interrogation of the petitioners is required in this case and I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.
4. 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 further conditions that the petitioners shall cooperate with the investigation and shall not threaten or intimidate witnesses. The petitioners shall meet the Investigating Officer once a week till submission of report in final form.
5. Accordingly, the application for anticipatory bail is allowed.
6. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance with requisite formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)