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March 18, 2026
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Criminal Miscellaneous Jurisdiction

CRM(A) 177 of 2026

Allowed

An application for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with Jalpaiguri Kotwali P.S. Case No.54 of 2026 dated 05.02.2026 under Sections 108/3(5) of the BNS, 2023.

And

In the matter of: *Sumitra Roy @ Sumati Roy*

... petitioner

Mr. Bibek Tarafder
Ms. Rija Roy

... for the petitioner

Mr. Abhijit Sarkar
Mr. Biswarup Roy

... for the State

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. The petitioner is the mother-in-law of the principal accused. There was a romantic relationship between the petitioner's son and the alleged victim. After the relationship turned sour, the alleged victim committed suicide.

Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail, refers to the statements of witnesses and the post-mortem report and submits that there was demand for dowry made by the petitioner and her son.

Considering the materials available in the case diary and the alleged role ascribed to the present petitioner, 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 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.)