CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI

25.11.2026
Ct No.5
Item No.45
DB
Allowed

CRM (M) 419 of 2026

In Re:- An application for Bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Ngarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with arising out **Mathabhanga Police Station Case No. 720 of 2025** dated **29.08.2025** under Sections 103(1)/3(5) of the BNS.

In Re: Mantu Barman

.....Petitioner

Mr. Partha Pratim Sarkar, Adv.
Mr. Bappaditya Roy, Adv.

... for the petitioner

Mr. Janardhan Periwal, Ld. Jr. A.P.P
Mr. Debanjan Das, Adv.
Mr. Supratim Nag, Adv. .... for the State

1. The Learned Advocate representing the petitioner referred to an order dated 17th August, 2026, whereby the co-accused, namely, Ajay Barman was released on bail by this Court in respect of CRM(M)/259/2026. He further submitted the charge sheet to have been filed on 24th November, 2025. The case records are yet to be committed and on the basis of parity seeks for grant of bail.
2. The Learned Advocate representing the State opposed the contentions of the Learned Advocate representing the petitioner referring to the statements recorded under Sections 183 of BNSS including the statement of mother of the victim whereby the victim was repeatedly threatened of his life. The statements of eye witness to be the brother of the victim was recorded in page 87 of the Case Diary. He referred to other statements recorded under Section 180 BNSS to confirm the narrative of the complaint. It was further submitted that the pen drive

acknowledging the preservation of the CCTV footage had been seized as mentioned in page 112 of the Case Diary. Certificate to that effect of the data transferred on pen drive has been issued under Section 63 of BSA, 2024 at page 113 of the Case Diary.

3. Since, the investigation had been completed, the offending weapon to have been recovered from the possession of the co-accused person who had been released on bail by the Co-ordinate Bench by this Court, and the possibility of conclusion of trial in near future being remote, the prayer for bail is considered and allowed.
4. Accordingly, Petitioner, namely, Mantu Barman shall furnish bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty Thousand Only) with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local to the satisfaction of Learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mathabhanga, Cooch Behar.
5. The petitioner shall be physically present on each and every date fixed before the learned Trial Court and shall not intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever and on further condition shall not leave the jurisdiction of the learned Trial Court. The petitioner shall submit the address where he would be residing to the learned Trial Court along with the mobile number not to be changed without prior permission of the Trial Court and the petitioner will meet the Officer-in-Charge of the concerned Police Station once in a fortnight until further orders.
6. Accordingly, CRM(M) 419 of 2026 is disposed of.

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)