

February 20, 2026

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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS JURISDICTION**

CRM (NDPS) 580 of 2025

In Re : An application for bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with **Tufanganj** Police Station case no. **29** of **2025** dated **18/1/2025** under Sections **21(c)** of the NDPS Act.

And

In Re : **Ashadul Mandal @ Asadul Mondal @ Pocha**
... Petitioner

Adv. Jaydeep Kanta Bhowmik,
Adv. Aminur Hossain,
Adv. Subham Kumar,
Adv. Priti Das

... for the Petitioner.

Adv. Abhijit Sarkar (VC),
Adv. Tapan Bhattacharjee,

..for the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for 398 days. It has transpired in the cross examination of the defacto complainant that the search and seizure were not videographed. The petitioner prays for bail.

Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer.

I have considered the material on record.

It is a fact that search and seizure were not videographed. The learned trial Court is at liberty to take necessary steps against the erring official in this regard in terms of the order in CRM (NDPS) 492 of 2022 with CRM (NDPS) 493 of 2022 passed on 22nd June, 2022. Contraband substance above commercial quantity has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner. In view of the statutory restriction laid down under Section 37 of the NDPS Act, prayer for bail is rejected at this stage.

CRM (NDPS) 580 of 2025 is disposed of.

Case Diary be returned.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)