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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : AB/2676/2025

NAVARATAN SHARMA
SON OF RAMNIWAS SHARMA
R/O LANKA TOWN, WARD NO 11, SHILLONG ROAD, PS LANKA, DIST
HOJAI, ASSAM

VERSUS

STATE OF ASSAM
TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE LEARNED PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR SARFRAZ NAWAZ, MR. SURAJIT DAS,MD A
RAHMAN,SAMIM RAHMAN,MR. A TARAFDAR

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MRIDUL KUMAR KALITA

ORDER

13.11.2025

- 1.** Heard Mr. Sarfraz Nawaz, the learned counsel for the petitioner.
Also heard Mr. P. Borthakur, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor,
Assam.

2. This application under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) has been filed by the petitioner, namely, Navaratan Sharma, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Lanka P.S. Case No. 231/2025, under Sections 127/64(1)/69 of the BNS, 2023.

3. The gist of accusation in this case is that the victim woman had lodged an FIR dated 15.10.2025 before the Officer-in-Charge of Lanka Police Station, *inter alia*, alleging that the victim is a divorcee woman of 29 years of age and she got acquainted with the present petitioner and developed a romantic relationship.

4. It is alleged in the FIR that on 31.03.2025, the petitioner forcefully committed sexual inter course with her and thereafter, on many other occasions, they had physical relationship on the pretext that the petitioner would marry her. However, it is alleged that since 12th September, 2025, the petitioner stopped all kind of relationship with the victim woman.

5. It is alleged that the victim was subject to sexual intercourse on the pretext of false promise to marry her made by the petitioner.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the victim is an adult lady of 29 years of age and she had a romantic relationship with the petitioner for about 7-8 months.

7. He further submits that later on the petitioner came to know that on an earlier occasion also, the victim girl had romantic relationship with another person with whom she also had physical relationship and later on, she lodged a complaint alleging forceful sexual intercourse against the

said person.

8. He further submits that subsequently, the complaint was withdrawn on the ground that the matter has been amicably settled between the parties. On coming to know about the alleged incident, fearing the same fate with him, the petitioner broke the relationship with the victim girl and therefore, the instant FIR has been lodged.

9. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is ready to co-operate in the investigation. However, since the police is searching for him, he is apprehending that he may be arrested in connection with the above-mentioned case.

10. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, prays for calling of the Case Diary.

11. Let the Case Diary be called for.

12. Let this case be listed on 11th December, 2025.

13. However, in the meanwhile, considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, as discussed in the foregoing paragraphs, the above-named petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer of Lanka P.S. Case No. 231/2025, within a period of 7(seven) days from the date of this order and co-operate in the investigation. If he does so within the stipulated period of time, in the event of his arrest in connection with the aforesaid case, he shall be allowed to go on interim bail of Rs. 30,000/- with a suitable surety of like amount, subject to the satisfaction of the arresting authority with

following conditions that:-

- (i)** the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Police Officer within 7(seven) days from the date of this order and shall co-operate with the investigation; and
- (ii)** the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to the informant or to any other person who may be acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such person from disclosing such facts before the Investigating Officer or to any Court.

14. List accordingly.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant