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Court
No.11

11.08.2026
(Tanmoy)

Allowed-in-part

**CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
APPELLATE SIDE**

CRM(A)/476/2026

In Re: - An application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 / Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, in connection with **Bagdogra Police Station Case No. 46/2026** dated **09.02.2026** under Sections **64/62/69/126(2)/15(2)/351(2)/3(5)** of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 read with Section **8** of POCSO Act, 2012. Special Case No.16/2026.

And

In the matter of: - **KARAN SINGH AND ANR.**

...petitioners.

Mr. Ujjawal Luksom
Mr. Sandipan Das

...for the petitioners.

Mr. Sanjay Mazoomdar
Ms. Madhushri Dutta

...for the State.

1. The petitioners say that they have been falsely implicated. They are in no way involved with the alleged crime. In any event, they are fully prepared to co-operate with the Investigating Officer. They pray for pre-arrest bail.
2. Insofar as the petitioner no.1 is concerned, i.e. Karan Singh, I find incriminating evidence against him. At least one of the minor victims in her statement recorded under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (corresponding to Section 183 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) specifically implicates him of acts which may amount to offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. Considering the material on record, I am not inclined to allow

the prayer of the petitioner no.1. The application for anticipatory bail stands **dismissed** insofar as the petitioner no.1 (**KARAN SINGH**) is concerned.

3. Insofar as the petitioner no.2 is concerned, I find no such incriminating material on record which may justify immediate custodial interrogation of the petitioner no.2 (KRISHNA SINGH). Further, I am told that charge-sheet has been submitted upon completion of investigation.
4. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to allow the prayer of the petitioner no.2 (KRISHNA SINGH).
5. Accordingly, in the event of arrest, the petitioner no.2, namely, **KRISHNA SINGH** shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand), with two sureties of Rs.5,000/ (Rupees Five Thousand) each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the arresting Officer and shall abide by the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 / Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, until further orders and on further condition that the petitioner no.2 shall appear before the learned Trial Court on each and every date of hearing and shall meet the Investigating Officer of this case once in a fortnight and as and when called for, until further orders.
6. In case the petitioner no.2 fails to adhere to any of the conditions stipulated above, the learned Court below shall be entitled to cancel the anticipatory bail without further reference to this Court.

7. The application for anticipatory bail being CRM(A)/476/2026 is accordingly disposed of.
8. Criminal Section is directed to make available certified copies of this order to the parties, if applied for, upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)