

**[SC] CrPC S. 438 - Anticipatory bail - Bail application moved on 24.05.2022, posted to 31.08.2022 without granting any interim protection - In a matter involving personal liberty, the Court is expected to pass orders in one way or other taking into account the merits of the matter at the earliest - Posting an application for anticipatory bail after a couple of months cannot be appreciated - High Court to dispose of the application preferably within a period of three weeks - If the main application could not be disposed of, for any reason, within the stipulated time, relief sought for in the interlocutory application shall be considered on its own merits - Till such time, we grant interim protection from arrest to the petitioner**

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