

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(203)

CRM-M-12916-2015

Decided on: August 25, 2015.

Prince Rangra

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Munish Dadwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate,
for the complainant.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in a case registered at the instance of his wife Raman Sharma alleging that petitioner in connivance with his parents used to torture the complainant and harass her on account of they being not satisfied with the dowry. The petitioner had also not allegedly disclosed the factum of his marriage to one Meenakashi.

During course of arguments, it transpires that first wife Meenakashi had also launched prosecution against him for treating her with cruelty.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the matter has been settled with Meenakashi and that formal divorce has been obtained from her. In order to show his bona fide, the petitioner has offered to resume co-habitation with the complainant.

Complainant present in the Court has expressed apprehension and threat on account of the fact that the petitioner has married a third lady Harjinder Kaur.

Counsel for the petitioner has denied the said fact claiming that the said allegation has been found to be false by the police.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner, counsel for the State as well as counsel for the complainant.

The act of the petitioner in marrying the complainant without informing about his first marriage, is certainly the act of cruelty. Not only this, there are serious allegations against him of having tortured the complainant. No opinion is expressed at this stage regarding he having been married a third lady named by the complainant. The investigation is at initial stage. Chances of tampering with the evidence cannot be ruled out. The recoveries seem to have also not yet been effected.

No ground is made out to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed, without prejudice to the right of the petitioner to seek concession of regular bail.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

August 25, 2015
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