

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-17774 of 2015
Date of Decision:-04.11.2015**

Arshad Ali

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. H.S. Gill, Senior Advocate with
Mr. R.K. Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.166 dated 25.11.2014, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Mahila Police (Women Cell), Patiala.

The petitioner is husband and solemnized marriage with the complainant on 2.4.2011. There are allegations of harassment to the respondent-complainant on account of bringing less dowry. The petitioner has also given beatings to the complainant and had demanded the money. In this manner, there are specific allegations of demand of dowry

and harassment on the part of the petitioner.

On joint request of parties, this Court vide order dated 25.8.2015 referred the matter to the Mediation Center with a direction that the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the complainant as litigation expenses. Vide subsequent order dated 15.10.2015 the order of payment of Rs.10,000/- to the complainant as litigation expenses was reiterated. The matter sent to the Mediation Center was returned back, as the parties were not interested for further mediation. The petitioner has shown his inability to pay any amount to the complainant and vide order dated 15.10.2015 he was directed to join the investigation again on 24.10.2015.

There being a specific allegation against the petitioner for demand of dowry and harassment and coupled with the fact that he has failed to comply the order dated 25.8.2015, the present petition is, therefore, dismissed.

November 04, 2015
Vijay Asija

(*HARI PAL VERMA*)
JUDGE