

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

**CRM-M No.32898 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.12.2015**

Meena Kumari

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Surinder Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mikhail Kad, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by H.C. Gurmukh Singh.

Mr. Ishan Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of mother-in-law of the complainant-Rachna in case FIR No.167 dated 15.07.2015, under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Model Town, District Hoshiarpur (**Annexure P-1**).

The marriage between the co-accused Vivek Vasudev and Rachna was solemnized on 01.07.2014. The complainant-Rachna has leveled serious allegations of beatings for bringing insufficient dowry as also consistent demands of Rs.5 Lacs and a Car from her parents.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner/accused submits that the allegations were thoroughly investigated by the Women Cell, Hoshiarpur as it is apparent from the report dated 19.05.2015 (**Annexure P-3**) and thereafter the FIR was got lodged. It is thus contended that the allegations against the petitioner, who is working as Peon in the Irrigation Department, Punjab were not found to be true.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by HC Gurmukh Singh, submits that although the petitioner has joined the investigation but dowry articles are yet to be recovered.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the age and the findings in the investigations by the Women Cell, interim pre-arrest bail granted by this Court, vide order dated 24.09.2015, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

December 19, 2015

**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**