

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

CRM-M-3422 of 2015
Date of decision: 26.3.2015

Harmanpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Rajan Gupta, J.

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 406, 498-A, 323 IPC at Police Station Guruhar Sahai, District Ferozepur, vide FIR No.242 dated 24.10.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that all allegations levelled in the FIR are false. Petitioner himself preferred a petition under section 9 of the Hindu Marriage Act for restitution of conjugal rights. It is, thus, clear that he wanted the complainant Manpreet Kaur to live with him. Thus, he may be granted concession of pre-arrest bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and given careful thought to the facts of the case.

FIR was lodged by Manpreet Kaur alleging that she was subjected to cruelty after marriage as her parents were not able to meet the demands of her in-laws for more dowry. She was mentally and physically tortured and given beatings several times.

Considering serious allegations levelled in the FIR, I am of the considered view that no case for grant of pre-arrest bail is made out.

Dismissed. However, petitioner will be at liberty to file appropriate representation in terms of judgment in *Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar and another, 2014 (3) R.C.R. (Crl.) 527*.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

26.3.2015
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