

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

CRM-M-7726 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision: November 19, 2015

Santosh Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Mansur Ali, Advocate for the complainant.

Rajan Gupta, J.(oral)

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 498-A, 506 IPC (Sections 313 and 406 IPC added later on) at Police Station Naya Gaon, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, vide FIR No.84 dated 17.09.2014.

Pursuant to the FIR, husband and father-in-law of the complainant were arrested by the investigating agency and remained in custody for about a month. Instant case was referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre. However, efforts to settle the matter amicably proved futile.

Admittedly, petitioner has joined investigation. Only plea of the State is that certain jewelry items and medical record is yet to be recovered from the petitioner. This cannot be the ground for rejecting bail application of the petitioner, who is stated to be lady more than 60 years old. Moreover, her son and husband have already been arrested and investigating agency had ample opportunity to interrogate them.

Under the circumstances, the interim order dated March 18, 2015 is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands allowed in aforesaid terms.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

November 19, 2015
'Rajpal'