

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

CRM-M No.8137 of 2015.

Date of Decision: April 07, 2015.

Surinder Kaur

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SNEH PRASHAR.

1. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest? Yes/No
2. Whether to be referred to the Reporter or not? Yes/No

Present: Mr. Mohd. Yousaf, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Y.K. Gupta, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Arun Takhi, Advocate for the complainant.

SNEH PRASHAR, J.

The petitioner is an accused in case First Information Report No.23 dated 05.09.2013 under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal (in short, "I.P.C.") registered at Police Station N.R.I. Hoshiarpur. The accusations against her are that she, her son Sodhi Lal, husband Laskhari Ram and one Jaswinder Kaur of Pargan harassed and maltreated Smt. Jagir Kaur wife of Sodhi Lal on account of their demand for valuable articles and heavy cash amount as additional dowry.

At the very outset, it was submitted on behalf of the petitioner

that she is a Non Resident of India and is residing in Italy for the last many years. She had gone abroad much before the First Information Report was lodged. Without being served with a notice, she was declared proclaimed offender. She is a lady aged about 65 years and is ready to appear before the court but as she has been declared proclaimed offender, she apprehends her arrest on arrival in India and therefore, she be given the concession of anticipatory bail.

Admittedly, the petitioner is not presently in India. It is in her knowledge that a criminal case had been registered against her with allegation of maltreatment on account of dowry at the instance of her daughter in law and also that she has already been declared proclaimed offender, yet till date she has not opted to come to India to abide by the law of the land.

In the said facts and circumstances, there is no ground for extending the benefit of anticipatory bail to the petitioner and her petition is hereby dismissed.

(SNEH PRASHAR)
JUDGE

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