

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-9565 of 2015
Date of Decision: 24.08.2015**

Jagjit Chandok

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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. Achin Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate for the complainant.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 438 CrPC is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.347 dated 22.12.2014 under Sections 498-A, 406, 34 IPC registered at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

This Court vide order dated 25.3.2015, while referring the matter to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, had granted interim bail to the petitioner, subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer and compliance of the provisions of Section 438(2) CrPC. However, as per report dated 13.5.2015 of the Mediation and

Conciliation Centre, the dispute could not be resolved.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 17.8.2015, the petitioner has cleared the outstanding amount on account of maintenance till date.

Although learned counsel for the complainant admits the fact that the entire outstanding amount on account of maintenance has been cleared by the petitioner, he further submits that the dowry articles are yet to be recovered from the petitioner.

Considering the fact that marriage was solemnised on 13.4.2002 and the dowry articles which are required to be recovered from the petitioner are yet to be established by the complainant, the interim order dated 25.3.2015 passed by this Court is made absolute, however, subject to the condition that the petitioner shall pay an amount of Rs.15,000/- to the complainant on account of litigation expenses. The said amount shall be paid to the complainant within one month through demand draft payable in the name of the complainant.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) CrPC.

Disposed of.

August 24, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE