

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

Crl. Misc. No. M-21598 of 2016

Date of decision: 02.09.2016

Ranjeet Singh

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate,
for the complainant.

RITU BAHRI, J.

This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.143 dated 29.12.2015, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women Cell, District Patiala.

Vide order dated 24.06.2016 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail and the parties were directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 05.07.2016. As per report of the Mediator, no compromise could be effected between the parties.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Mohinder Singh, has informed that certain dowry articles are still to be recovered from

the possession of the petitioner.

A perusal of the petition shows that a compromise was effected between the parties on 11.07.2015 (Annexure P-3), whereby it was agreed to give *istridhan* of Amandeep Kaur-complainant, which included the gold given by her parents and in-laws. Thereafter, on 15.02.2016, a Panchayat was convened at Patiala and it was decided to take divorce from each other. It was further decided that till the passing of the decree of divorce, the petitioner would give Rs.4 lacs to the complainant. This compromise, thereafter, was challenged by the petitioner by filing a civil suit (Annexure P-6) in the Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division), Patiala. In the trial, an attempt was also made by referring the matter to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre. On 19.01.2016, complainant-Amandeep Kaur had made a statement before the Addl. Sessions Judge, Patiala to the effect that she had no objection if interim bail was granted to facilitate appearance of the petitioner before the Mediation Centre. Repeated attempts to compromise the matter have been made before the Panchayat as well as Mediation Centre.

Keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the interim order dated 24.06.2016 passed by this Court is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

02.09.2016
ajp

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No