

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

**CRM No. M-4366-2016
Date of decision: 27.10.2016**

Prince Chopra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Vishal Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. L.S. Mann, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

Ritu Bahri, J.

This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R No. 94 dated 03.10.2015, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women Cell, Ludhiana.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, has informed the Court that necessary recoveries have been effected, however, dispute remains with regard to one gold set and gold chain.

In view of the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation, the interim order dated 14.09.2016 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the condition that within one month, the petitioner will deposit an FD of Rs.2 lacs in the name of the complainant, before the trial Court.

It has been observed by this Court in the past that in many cases, which were referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, the matters are coming back with the reports “the mediation has failed.” An attempt, at this stage, can be made so that the parties can change their mind even after the mediation has failed, by again referring them to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre for one day, so as to save their precious time which is being ruined in criminal litigation before the trial Courts. Moreover, at the time of issuing notice of motion, some parties deposit litigation expenses ranging from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.50,000/-. For this purpose, a direction is given to the Advocate Generals of both the States of Punjab and Haryana to depute, at least, five Officers for mediation training, so that they can assist the parties for amicable settlement(s) keeping in view that mostly the dispute before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre is held up at the level of giving final settlement/permanent alimony to the complainant(s)/wives. Both the States can appoint Psychologist/Sociologists to assist the Law Officer(s).

Copy of this order be given to both the Advocate Generals of the States of Punjab and Haryana.

Disposed of accordingly.

27.10.2016
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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