

Criminal Misc. M- No. 12694 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision : March 07, 2017

Sukhbir Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILLPresent: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajpreet Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

LISA GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 16 dated 18.03.2016 registered under Section 406/498A IPC at Police Station Women, District Amritsar City.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner had in fact been residing in the complainant's house for about four years prior to the lodging of the above said FIR. The sole allegation against him is that he is a drunkard. The petitioner has since given up alcohol.

The matter had been referred for mediation but efforts for an amicable resolution of the dispute between the parties failed.

The petitioner is present in Court today in compliance with order dated 12.04.2016. It is submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to co-habit and reside together with the complainant, who is his

wife over 18 years. However, there appears to be no possibility of an amicable resolution of the dispute between the parties at this stage.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order dated 04.12.2017 passed by this Court. No recovery has to be effected from him. His custodial interrogation is not required.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition. Consequently, order dated 12.04.2016 is made absolute.

March 07, 2017
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No