

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

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**CRM-M-19607-2017
Date of Decision: 22.09.2017**

Ranjodh Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. J.P.S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajinder Singla, Advocate,
for the complainant.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 08 dated 08.03.2017, under Sections 498-A, 406, 313, 306, 116, 323, 120-B of IPC, registered at Women Police Station Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the statements of the Investigating Officer-ASI Jagdev Singh as well as the complainant have been recorded and it is now fixed for her cross-examination. It is also submitted that an application has been preferred under Section 319 Cr.P.C. for summoning the married sisters of the petitioner which is likely to delay the proceedings. At the same time, counsel for the petitioner submits that he had made an offer that the gold articles lying in the locker may be handed over to the complainant.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that there is an outstanding amount of Rs.6,500/- against the locker rent which she would be willing to deposit and order may be issued for opening the locker in the presence of the Investigating Officer and the contents of the same may be handed over to her.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and in view of the fact that statement of the complainant has been recorded and case is now fixed for her cross-examination.

Let regular bail be granted to the petitioner who in turn would accompany the Investigating Officer and the complainant or her family member to the Bank locker. Let bank locker be opened only in the presence of the complainant and the Investigating Officer and any contents found therein be handed over to the complainant.

List of the articles recovered be placed in the proceeding before the trial Court, while keeping a copy on the office record.

In view of above, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is accepted. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

September 22, 2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No