

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

CRM-M-2699-2017

Date of Decision: 07.03.2017

Davinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Davinder Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.47 dated 17.10.2016, registered at Police Station Lakhewali, District Muktsar, under Sections 197, 198, 465, 466, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code.

Notice of motion has been issued in this case. Learned State counsel put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that FIR, in the present case, has been got registered by learned Sessions Judge, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The present petitioner was stated to be a *Granthi* of Gurudwara, who performed the marriage of Jagtar Singh with Meera Bai. As per the allegations, Meera Bai was stated to be less than 18 years at the time of marriage.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 30.01.2017 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation. He is not required for custodial interrogation. Nothing is to be recovered from the present petitioner. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 30.01.2017, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

07.03.2017

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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