

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

Crl. Misc. M-31325 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: November 09, 2017

Lovepreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Dhaliwal, DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the event of arrest in FIR No.44 dated 27.07.2017, under Sections 498-A, 406 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Women Cell Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case and on the direction of this Court, has joined the investigation. In fact, the matter stands compromised between the parties before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court and pursuant thereto, a petition for divorce by mutual consent under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act has already been filed.

At this stage, Ms. Damanpreet K. Brar, Advocate puts in

appearance on behalf of complainant/respondent No.2 and files the power of attorney, which is taken on record. She also submits that the parties have amicably settled their dispute and a Settlement Agreement dated 27.09.2017 has been reduced into writing in this regard before the Mediator.

Learned DAG Punjab for the respondent-State, on instructions from Investigating Officer, submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for the custodial interrogation.

In view of the facts that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation and has joined the investigation, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and order dated 25.08.2017 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 Sub Section 2 Clauses (i) (ii) and (iii) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No