

Criminal Misc. M- No. 37081 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision : May 03, 2017

Vikas Verma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILLPresent: Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurveer Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 104 dated 13.08.2016 registered under Sections 406, 498A, 420, 493 IPC at Police Station Women Cell Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

It is submitted that during the pendency of this petition, the parties have arrived at an amicable settlement before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 24.03.2017. The terms and conditions of settlement dated 24.03.2017 are taken on record. In terms of the said settlement, it is submitted that a sum of ₹30,000/- has already been handed over to the complainant – respondent No. 2. In terms of the settlement, a demand draft dated 02.05.2017 drawn on Dena Bank at Jalandhar for a sum of ₹1,00,000/- has been handed over to respondent No. 2, who is present in Court. She is duly identified by her counsel.

Learned counsel for respondent No. 2 submits that in view of the settlement between the parties, there is no objection to the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner provided he abides by the terms and conditions of the settlement as arrived at between the parties.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Harish Kumar, Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar submits that the petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order dated 19.10.2016.

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 particularly settlement dated 24.03.2017 arrived at between the parties, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition. Consequently, order dated 19.10.2016 is made absolute.

Needless to say that both the parties are bound by the terms and conditions of the settlement arrived at between the parties. Liberty is afforded to respondent No. 2 to move an appropriate application, in case, the petitioner does not adhere to the terms and conditions of the settlement dated 24.03.2017.

May 03, 2017
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No