

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

CRM-M-39371-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision : 14.12.2017

Baltej Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. GPS Bal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ashima Mor, APP, UT, Chandigarh,
assisted by SI Balbir Singh.

Mr. RK Singla, Advocate for the complainant.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioners seek pre-arrest bail in FIR No.102 dated 08.09.2017, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal Code (for short, 'the IPC') at Women Police Station, Chandigarh.

Heard.

On 13.10.2017, the following order was passed:-

“Contends that the petitioners are the parents-in-law of daughter of the complainant, Bhagwant Singh, who voluntarily left the matrimonial house in the year 2012. Otherwise also, they being persons of ripe age, have nothing to do with the matrimonial life of their son and the daughter of the complainant.

Notice of motion for 17.11.2017.

The petitioners are directed to join the investigation.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the petitioners by the Arresting Officer, they shall be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:-

1. *That they shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;*
2. *That they shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer and;*
3. *That they shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.”*

Learned counsel refers to Annexure A-1 and states that the dowry articles have been returned. The petitioners have joined the investigation in pursuance of the orders passed by this Court.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the UT Administration, on instructions, submits that certain dowry articles are yet to be recovered.

Keeping in view the facts that the petitioners are the parents-in-law and they have repeatedly joined the investigation, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 13.10.2017, is made absolute, subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition stands allowed.

14.12.2017

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No