

**Criminal Misc. No. M- 44630 of 2016 (O&M)**

Date of decision : December 15, 2017

Manoj Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL**Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Arjun Sharma, Advocate  
for the complainant.

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**LISA GILL, J.**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 88 dated 11.08.2016 under Sections 498A/406 IPC registered at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana.

It is submitted that during pendency of this petition, the matter has been amicably settled before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 19.09.2017. Settlement/agreement dated 19.09.2017 is attached with the file of this case. Petition under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 has been filed by the petitioner and his wife – complainant. Part of the settled amount has been handed over to the complainant. The petitioner undertakes to abide by the terms and conditions of the settlement. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the complainant affirms and verifies the factum of the settlement between the parties and submits that the complainant has no objection, in case, this petition is allowed subject to the petitioner strictly adhering to the terms and conditions of the settlement.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Bhajan Singh, verifies that the petitioner has joined investigation.

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 noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition. Consequently, order dated 14.12.2016 is made absolute.

December 15, 2017  
rts

**(Lisa Gill)**  
**Judge**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No