

**Criminal Misc. M- No. 8935 of 2017 (O&M)**

Date of decision : May 31, 2017

Manpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL**

Present: Mr. Karan Garg, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shivali, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Advocate  
for respondent No. 2.

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**LISA GILL, J.**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 47 dated 22.09.2016 registered under Sections 406, 498A IPC at Police Station Women, Bathinda.

It is submitted that a settlement has been arrived at between the parties. The Panchayati agreement dated 16.02.2017 is annexed as Annexure P-2. The petitioner and his wife – respondent No. 2 have decided to part ways. Petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 has been filed. Part payment in terms of settlement has been received by respondent No. 2.

Learned counsel for respondent No. 2 submits that in view of the settlement between the parties, respondent No. 2 has no objection to the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Fauji Ram, submits that the petitioner has joined investigation. He is not required for custodial interrogation.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond, if released on bail.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances especially the settlement 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 17.03.2017 is made absolute.

Liberty is afforded to respondent No. 2 to move an appropriate application in case the petitioner does not comply with or adhere to the terms and conditions of the settlement arrived at between the parties.

May 31, 2017  
rts

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

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No