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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ BAIL APPLN. 675/2016 and CrI.M.B. No. 676/2016

SATWENDER PAL SINGH Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vikas Padora, Advocate

versus

STATE (NCT) OF DELHI Respondent

Through: Mr. Rajat Katyal, APP
Mr. Manjit Singh, Advocate for the
complainant.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPIN SANGHI

ORDER

17.01.2017

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The petitioner has offered to return a gold set given to one of the sister-in-laws weighing 1.5 *tolas* which has been valued at Rs. 50,000/- as per the list of the complainant (at page 34 of the record). The other one has already been returned to the complainant. However, the complainant states that the gold set sought to be returned today is not the same as the one gifted to one of the sister-in-laws. Let the petitioner, instead, pay the market value equivalent to the gold set of 1.5 *tolas*.

The submission of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner has already joined the investigation. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already returned several articles, including, jewellery articles. The complainant has also admitted to be in possession of several articles of jewellery of hers. Learned counsel submits that the complaint cannot be used as an extortion method against the

petitioner. It remains to be established as to what were the jewellery articles given at the time of marriage and thereafter. Learned counsel further submits that to show his bona fides, the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit in this Court an amount of Rs. 4 lacs so as to satisfy the claim of the complainant in case she is able to establish the same legally and without prejudice to his rights and contentions.

Since the petitioner has already joined the investigation, the application is allowed. In case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail upon his furnishing personal bond in the sum of Rs. 10,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting officer. This is further subject to the condition that he shall join the investigation as and when called for and he shall not try to tamper with the prosecution evidence and threaten or influence the prosecution witnesses and further he shall deposit in Court an amount of Rs. 4 lacs within two months which shall be kept in a fixed deposit and its disbursal shall be governed by the orders passed by the competent court. The petitioner shall also give to the complainant the costs of one gold set of the sister-in-law weighing 1.5 *tolas* in gold. The petitioner shall continue to pay the maintenance fixed by the competent court.

The bail application stands disposed of.

VIPIN SANGHI, J

JANUARY 17, 2017

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