

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

Crl. Misc.M-37940-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: September 05, 2018

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Brahminder Singh Toor, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Seena Mand , DAG, Punjab .

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 26 dated 04.03.2011, under Sections 498-A, 406, 506 of Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Sri Hargobindpur, District Batala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the proceedings under the FIR pertains to matrimonial dispute which had arisen between the parties. It is further contended that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 14.03.2018. It is also contended that the statement of the prosecutrix has been recorded and that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-

State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, oppose the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, however, she does not dispute the fact that the statement of the prosecutrix has since been recorded.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 14.03.2018 and that the statement of the prosecutrix has been recorded, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

September 05, 2018

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No