

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

CRM-M-30404-2018

Date of decision:21.8.2019

TAJINDER SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Baljinder Singh.

Mr. Manwatan Pal Singh, Advocate for
Ms. Anu Chatrath, Senior Advocate
Amicus Curiae.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of FIR No.72 dated 25.6.2016 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC, Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar (Rural).
2. The FIR was registered at the instance of Manjinder Kaur wherein it has been alleged that she was married to the petitioner about 2 years prior to lodging of the FIR and that the petitioner and other members of his family however used to harass her and used to give beatings to her in order to press upon their demand of dowry.
3. Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh has

informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as on today, parties are residing together. Learned counsel for the complainant Mr. Manwatan Pal Singh has not disputed the fact that parties are residing together although it has been submitted that some of the jewellery articles have not been returned by the petitioner.
5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and while noticing that it is basically case of matrimonial discord, this Court would not like to make any expression on merits at this stage. The circumstances do not warrant custodial interrogation. Accordingly the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued vide dated 3.8.2018 by this Court are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner would appear before Investigating Officer as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

21.8.2019
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**