

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

CRM-M-36695-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 16.10.2019

Kuldeep Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabharewal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ramandeep, Advocate for the complainant.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.

1. The petitioner Kuldeep Singh has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered against him vide FIR No.9 dated 15.5.2018 under Sections 406/498-A IPC at Police Station Women Cell Patiala, District Patiala.
2. The FIR was registered at the instance of petitioner's wife Kamaldeep Kaur wherein it has been alleged that her marriage with the petitioner was solemnized on 18.5.2011 wherein her parents gave dowry beyond their means including gold ornaments but her husband and other members of his family were not happy with the same and demanded another amount of ₹ 2 lacs. It is alleged that upon the demands of her inlaws not having been accepted, she was given beatings by her husband. It is further alleged that the harassment increased all the more when she gave birth to a girl child.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been involved in the present case and that the allegations as levelled in the FIR pertaining to demand of dowry and harassment have all being cooked up simply to pressurize the petitioner.
4. Opposing the petition, the learned State counsel has submitted that in view of the specific allegations levelled in the FIR, no special case for grant of anticipatory bail is made out. It has, however, been informed that the petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court on 24.8.2018.
5. Having considered rival submissions addressed before this Court, it is apparent that the FIR is infact an outcome of matrimonial discord amongst the parties. The facts, however, are not such which would justify custodial interrogation.
6. Since the petitioner has already stated to have joined investigation, the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 24.8.2018 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall deposit an amount of ₹ 1 lacs before the trial Court within one month from today. Upon such amount being deposited, the trial Court shall release the said amount to the victim.

16.10.2019

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No