

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22270-2019

Date of Decision:15.11.2019

Ekant Kaushal

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present: Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sumit S. Bairagi, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.24 dated 17.03.2019 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Women Cell Patiala, District Patiala.

The allegation against the petitioner is that during subsistence of earlier marriage, without disclosing the factum of marriage, he has solemnized marriage with the complainant. The complainant-respondent No.2 is present in the Court. She submits that the petitioner did not disclose the fact that a child is born from this wedlock.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from HC Mander Singh, submits that during the course of investigation, offence under Section 201

IPC has been added in the case. He further submits that the petitioner is not cooperating with the investigation as recovery of jewellery and other household articles is yet to be effected in the case.

The allegations being serious as without disclosing the factum of earlier marriage, the petitioner has solemnized marriage with the complainant and recovery of jewellery and other household articles is yet to be effected from him, no ground for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed.

November 15, 2019
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No