

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-48966-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-22.10.2019

Ranjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Rajbhinder Singh.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.194 dated 12.10.2018 at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib under Section 406 and 498-A of Indian Penal Code.
2. The FIR was registered at the instance of Arshdeep Kaur, wherein it has been alleged that her marriage was solemnized with petitioner Ranjit Singh on 6.3.2016 and that her parents had given dowry beyond their means on the demands of her in-laws. However, few days after the marriage, her in-laws started harassing her in order to press upon their demands of dowry. It is alleged that her husband even threatened to kill her with a knife. It is also alleged that an attempt was also made to poison the complainant. It is also stated therein that earlier the matter had been compromised for a total amount of ₹4 lacs out of which the complainant had received ₹1 lac only but subsequently they were dilly-dallying the matter.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that a false FIR has been lodged solely on account of some matrimonial discord and that the petitioner or other members of his family had never harassed the complainant in any manner.
4. Opposing the petition, the learned State counsel has submitted that since the petitioner is husband of the complainant and specific allegations have been levelled in the FIR no case for grant of bail is made out. It has, however, been informed that the investigation is complete and challan already stands presented.
5. In view of the aforestated position, wherein it surfaces that the investigation has already concluded, there is no case for any detention of the petitioner at this stage. The petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 2.11.2018 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear regularly before the trial Court and abide by any such condition as may be imposed by the trial Court for his appearance.
6. It is, however, directed that the petitioner shall pay an amount of ₹20,000/- by way of demand draft to the complainant Arshdeep Kaur during the proceedings of the trial within a period of one month from today as had also been directed by this Court earlier vide order dated 5.4.2019. It is made clear that in case of non-payment of the aforesaid amount, it shall be open to the complainant to move an application for cancellation of bail.

22.10.2019

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Whether speaking /reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes / No

Yes / No

**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**