

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

CRM-M-34524-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 3.12.2019

Raj Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Shiv Charan Bhola, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner-Raj Kumar, seeks grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered vide FIR No.81, dated 23.4.2019, registered at Police Station Women Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Ruhi Bansal wherein it has been alleged that her marriage was solemnized with the petitioner on

11.11.2017 and although her parents had spent huge amount at the time of marriage and had given jewellery, gifts etc. to her husband and other members of his family but they were not satisfied with the same and shortly after marriage they started harassing her in order to press upon their demands of dowry. It is further alleged that she was even physically assaulted by the accused. It is alleged that on 15.1.2018 her husband gave beatings to her in connivance with her mother-in-law and her sister and when she disclosed about the same to her parents, they came to her matrimonial home and tried to reason out with the accused but to no avail and ultimately her parents brought her back to her parental home in Ludhiana.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case mainly on account of matrimonial incompatibility between the petitioner and the complainant and that all the allegations as levelled in the FIR have been cooked up falsely.
4. Opposing the petition learned State counsel has submitted that since the specific and categoric allegations have been levelled in the FIR, no case for grant of anticipatory bail is made out. It has however, been informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court the petitioner has since joined investigation.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this court. The matter apparently arises out of some matrimonial discord amongst the parties. The petitioner in any case has joined investigation and in these circumstances the case is not such which would warrant custodial interrogation. The petition, as such, is accepted and interim

directions issued vide order dated 26.8.2019 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear and join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

December 3, 2019

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No