

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

CRM-M-34149-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 5.12.2019

Daljit Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Raj Kumar Arora, Advocate for
Ms. Sukhveer Kaur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab,
assisted by SI Satpal Singh.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner-Daljit Singh, seeks grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered vide FIR No.62, dated 26.6.2019, registered at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, under Section 498-A IPC.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Rekha Devi wherein it has been alleged that her marriage was solemnized with petitioner-Daljit Singh on 3.5.2015 and although her parents had given dowry as per

their demands and had spent an amount of ₹5 lakhs on various articles and gifts but her husband and members of his family were not happy with the same and shortly after marriage they started harassing her in order to press upon their demands of more dowry. It is alleged that the accused demanded gold ornaments, car and cash from complainant's parents but her parents were not in a position to accede to the said demands. It is further alleged that her husband was also having illicit relations with his sister-in-law (*jethani*). It is also alleged that her gold ornaments had also been snatched by the accused and that an attempt was also made to strangulate her.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case on account of some matrimonial discord between the petitioner and his wife and that an attempt has been made by the complainant to rope-in the entire family of the petitioner in order to pressurise him. It has further been submitted that the entire allegations as levelled in the FIR are false and there is no element of truth in the same.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since the petitioner is the husband of the complainant and specific allegations have been levelled against him, no case for grant of bail is made out. It has however been informed that the petitioner has since joined investigation.
5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances, it is borne out that matter apparently has arisen out of matrimonial discord. Since the petitioner in any case has joined investigation, his custodial

interrogation is not warranted. The petition, as such, is accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 22.8.2019 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 5, 2019

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No