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

**CRM-M No.26607 of 2019
Date of Decision.20.02.2020**

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S. Tiwana, Advocate
for the complainant.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.50 dated 06.05.2019 registered under Sections 406, 498-A IPC at Police Station Payal, District Ludhiana.

2. By an order dated 19.08.2019, the parties were directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this court, which remained unsuccessful.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits during the interregnum, petition filed by the petitioner under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act has been allowed and a decree of divorce has been granted in favour of the petitioner, which shows that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the

present case. It is also submitted that the instant FIR has been lodged by the complainant as a counter-blast to the petition filed by the petitioner under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act.

4. Per contra, counsel for the respondent-State as well as counsel for the complainant opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances of the present case and that a decree of divorce has already been granted in favour of the petitioner, at this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner herein is directed to join the investigation with the Investigating Officer within 15 days subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

February 20, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No