

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-41298 of 2019

Decided on :25.02.2020

Jaspal Chand Singla

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present : Mr.Joginder Pal Dewgan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr.S.P.Garg, Advocate for
the complainant.

Hari Pal Verma, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.214 dated 19.08.2019 registered under Sections 406, 498-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Kotwali Patiala, District Patiala.

Vide order dated 25.09.2019, the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court for settlement of the dispute between the parties. However, mediation could not succeed. Accordingly, vide subsequent order dated 12.12.2019, while adjourning the case for today, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to the order dated 12.12.2019 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid fact and states that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no more required at this stage. He further states that no recovery could be effected from the

petitioner due to non-production of bills in support of the claim of gold ornaments by the complainant.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that parents of the girl have given Rs.15 lacs to the petitioner on one occasion and thereafter, repeated money had been given to the petitioner. Furthermore, the complainant was subjected to harassment by the petitioner for want of dowry.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no more required; and the present FIR has been registered after 19 years of marriage and the offence is yet to be proved by the prosecution in this case, the present petition is allowed. The interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 12.12.2019 is hereby made absolute.

However, if required, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

25.02.2020
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[HARI PAL VERMA]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No