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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-799-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 04.10.2021

BHAVUK @ BHAWUK KATARIA

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Ravi Chadha, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S.Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab.

None for the complainant.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

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Application is allowed, as prayed for.

Section 377 of IPC is ordered to be added.

Registry is directed to do the needful.

CRM-M-799-2020

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.181, dated 15.09.2019, registered under Sections 406, 498-A IPC (Section 377 IPC added lateron) at Police Station City-2, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

This Court, vide order dated 10.01.2020, while issuing notice of motion in the case, had directed the petitioner to join investigation.

However, during investigation, the offence Section 377 IPC was also added and vide order dated 18.02.2021, the arrest of the petitioner was stayed for the said offence as well. Thereafter, vide order dated 19.04.2021, the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that pursuant to the matter being referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, all the disputes stand settled by way of a settlement/agreement dated 15.09.2021. The petitioner has also joined investigation.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State does not dispute the aforesaid fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and states that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no more required at this stage.

None appeared to represent the complainant today.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and the matter stands settled by way of settlement/agreement dated 15.09.2021, the instant petition is allowed and the orders dated 10.01.2020/18.02.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner are made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

04.10.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No