

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-3543-2020
Decided on : 29.09.2021

Manpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. K.B.Raheja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.16 dated 20.12.2019 under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC 1860 registered at Police Station Women Cell District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that it is essentially a matrimonial dispute between the parties, which has resulted in the registration of the FIR in question against the petitioner wherein allegations have been levelled by the complainant of harassment on account of dowry demand. He further submits that pursuant to order dated 16.08.2021, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation. This fact is not disputed by the counsel for the State as well.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Trilok Singh states that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that the matter has been amicably settled between the parties and a joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act has also been filed before the Family Court concerned. Hence, he does not oppose the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 16.08.2021, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No