

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

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**CRM-M-5098-2021(O&M)
Decided on :04.03.2021**

MAHINDER PAL SINGH

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Ms. Amarinder Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Rai, Advocate
for the complainant.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.40, dated 18.12.2015 under Sections 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Women Police Station, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 10.02.2021, a draft in the sum of Rs. 2.5 lacs stands delivered to the complainant. The said fact has not been controverted by the learned counsel appearing for the complainant.

The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 08.11.2020 for offences under Section 498-A and only 01 out of 12 prosecution witnesses cited has been examined so far, hence there is no likelihood of the trial concluding any time in the near future.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, I deem it a fit case for grant of the concession of regular bail to the petitioner, as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, more so, in the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 04, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*