

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

CRM-M-17679-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.04.2021

Kulwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. N.P.S.Mann, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, Addl. AG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Sukhdev Singh.

Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate, for the complainant.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.25 dated 19.03.2020 at Police Station Women Cell, Ludhiana, under Sections 406/498-A IPC.
2. The FIR in question was lodged at the instance of Harpreet Kaur, wherein it is alleged that her marriage was solemnized with Kulwinder Singh (petitioner) on 14.02.2016. It is alleged that although her parents spent a huge amount on her marriage beyond their capacity, but her in-laws were not satisfied with the same and started making comments and used to maltreat her. It is alleged that her husband even used to give beatings to her. It is alleged that on 02.10.2017, her in-laws threw her out of the house after

giving beatings and all her expensive articles including jewellery were retained by them.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the instant case and that in fact efforts were made for an amicable settlement and the parties were referred to Mediator, but the complainant refused to join the company of the petitioner.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has submitted that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. The matter apparently has arisen out of some kind of matrimonial discord amongst the petitioner and his wife, which has led to lodging of an FIR. In any case, the petitioner has already joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation. The petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 07.07.2020 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

27.04.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**
Whether reportable: **Yes/No**