

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

CRM-M-21785-2020
Decided on : 24.09.2021

Hardeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. G.S.Salana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S.Swaich, 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.193 dated 12.07.2020 under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC 1860 registered at Police Station Sirhind District Fatehgarh Sahib.

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 06.08.2020, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation. This fact is not disputed by learned State counsel as well.

On the last date of hearing, learned State counsel had apprised the Court that the complainant-wife had refused to accept the gold ornaments as well as some other articles, which the petitioner brought

alongwith at the time of investigation. He, on instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh, states that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 06.08.2020, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

24.09.2021
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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