

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

CRM-M-22696-2020(O&M)
Decided on : 15.09.2021

Rahul Bali

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. D.S.Malwai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. R.D.Bawa, 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.154 dated 24.06.2020 under Sections 498-A, 406, 323, 342, 120-B IPC 1860 registered at Police Station City Kharar District SAS Nagar.

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 false allegations have been levelled by the complainant of physical and mental harassment on account of dowry demands. He further submits that pursuant to order dated 11.11.2020, 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 Insp. Ravinder Kaur states that the petitioner is no longer required for further investigation.

Learned counsel for the complainant has however, opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in view of the specific allegations of physical and mental torture levelled against him by the complainant in the FIR in question.

Heard.

In the wake of the instructions received by learned State counsel that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 11.11.2020, 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