

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

204

CRM-M-32788-2021

Date of Decision:21.12.2021

ARJUN SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Arvind Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

On 13.08.2021, a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court passed the following order:-

“This is a petition that has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.145 dated 25.05.2021 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC registered at Police Station Gobindgarh Mandi, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner herein had filed a divorce petition as far back as 10.07.2019 and the complainant approached this High Court by way of seeking transfer of divorce petition from Jalandhar to Fatehgarh Sahib. On her request, the matter was referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, however, the mediation process could not be completed on account of

pandemic. The present FIR has been registered purely as a counter-blast to the divorce petition that was preferred. However, the petitioner is ready and willing to settle all disputes amicably and prays that the matter be referred once again to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

Notice of motion.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State.

Issue notice to respondent No.2 for 20.09.2021 to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to explore the possibility of settlement, on which date, petitioner herein would pay an amount of Rs.22,000/- to the complainant as litigation expenses, which would be a condition precedent to the mediation.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within a period of one week and hand over all the dowry articles in his possession and on his doing so, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

A sum of Rs.22,000/- was paid to respondent No.2 and a report has been received from the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to the effect that despite best efforts, the parties could not arrive at any settlement.

Upon instructions from ASI Paramjit Singh, State counsel submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation, recovery has been effected from him and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 13.08.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

21.12.2021
sheetal

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No