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

CRM-M-37331-2020

Date of Decision: 31.08.2021

(Heard through VC)

TARSEM LAL

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab,
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Dayal Partap Singh Randhawa, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.261, dated 08.10.2020, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 of IPC at Police Station Ghuman, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

Counsel for the petitioner would contend that pursuant to the order dated 12.11.2020, the petitioner has joined investigation. He was directed to pay an amount of Rs.25,000/- towards litigation expenses to respondent No.2, which amount stands paid. It is submitted that the matter had been referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, however, the mediation has been unsuccessful. It is also submitted that

during mediation, documents pertaining to the respondent-complainant were

handed over on 19.02.2021 to her by breaking open the almirah in the presence of Shri Bachan Lal and Shri Rattan Chand, uncles of the complainant.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 would submit that the petitioner herein had made a statement that he would be ready and willing to settle the matter as the marriage is 2 years old and that the welfare of the minor child is involved. However, the petitioner herein is not standing by the statement that has been made.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State, on instructions from ASI Sukhraj Singh, would submit that the petitioner herein has already joined investigation and a cancellation report has been prepared which is yet to be accepted by the court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the instant petition is allowed and the order dated 12.11.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

31.08.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No