

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

CRM-M-39240-2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.08.2021

(Heard through VC)

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, A.A.G., Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0035 dated 12.08.2020 under Sections 406, 498-A and 354-A of IPC registered at Police Station PS Women, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that this is the second marriage of both the petitioner and the complainant and the question of retaining dowry articles does not arise. He further points out that recovery of dowry articles has already been effected except for an alleged recovery of 11 gms of gold. It is submitted that once he has joined investigation, bail cannot be denied to him only on account that recoveries are yet to be effected. Reliance in this regard has been placed

upon a judgment rendered by this Court in '*Bhupinder Singh etc. Vs. State of Punjab, 2014(2) R.C.R.(Criminal) 109*', wherein it is held that bail cannot be denied only on the ground that recoveries have not been effected. It is further submitted that the matter had been referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, however, on account of non-service of respondent No.2, mediation was not possible.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Harjit Singh, submits that the matter has been investigated.

In view of the facts that the matter has been investigated and the custody of the petitioner would not be required in any manner, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required and on doing so, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on bail 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 incorporated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

17.08.2021

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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