

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

CRM-M-44711-2019(O&M)

Date of Decision: 30.07.2021

(Heard through VC)

Harmanjot Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. J.S. Warring, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

Mr. H.S. Aklia, Advocate
for respondent No.2/complainant.

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.216 dated 12.09.2019 under Section 498-A IPC registered at Police Station Kharar, District SAS Nagar.

Vide order dated 19.10.2019, parties were sent before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to explore some amicable settlement. Arrest of the petitioner had been stayed to enable him to join the mediation proceedings.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that though the mediation had once failed before the Mediator, yet the matter

has not been settled amicably between the parties and in terms of the compromise, a petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act has already been filed and a petition for quashing of the FIR on the basis of the compromise has also been preferred.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant/respondent No.2 also confirms the facts as stated by the counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required.

The petition, is accordingly allowed.

Petitioner is directed to join the investigation and on his doing so, in the event of arrest, he will 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.

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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