

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-55512-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 26.7.2021

Archit Doda

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. C.M.Munjal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Beant Singh.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.148, dated 18.9.2019, Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka, under Sections 406, 498-A IPC.
2. The FIR in question was lodged at the instance of Sheenu Bala wherein it is alleged that her marriage was solemnized with the petitioner on 19.2.2018 and her parents had given a car to her in-laws in dowry as per their capacity. It is alleged that somehow her husband was jobless and was addicted to bad habits and used to suspect her

and also used to give beatings to her and she was ultimately thrown out of her matrimonial home by the petitioner and his parents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the case on account of some matrimonial discord and that all the allegations levelled in the FIR are absolutely baseless.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since there are specific allegations in the FIR against the petitioner who is the husband of the complainant, no case for grant of bail is made out. Learned State counsel has however, informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation.
5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and while noticing that the FIR has apparently arisen out of some kind of matrimonial discord and while also noticing that the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation, the petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 24.12.2019 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

26.7.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No