

CRM-M-228-2022

Date of Decision: 6.4.2022

Hardeep Kumar Ranga

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present: Mr. Sandeep S. Majithia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Narinder Kumar Awasthi, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

**Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.198 dated 10.12.2021 registered under Section 498-A IPC, at Police Station City-I Sangrur.

By virtue of the order dated 6.1.2022, while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the parties that in pursuance to the order dated 6.1.2022, the parties appeared before the Mediation Centre and litigation expenses of Rs.25,000/- has also been paid to the complainant, however, the mediation remained unsuccessful.

Report of the Mediator dated 14.2.2022 has also been received affirming the fact that the parties could not reach at amicable settlement.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and as such the order dated 6.1.2022 be made absolute.

On instructions from ASI Jasvir Singh, learned State counsel submits that the petitioner has joined investigation and is no more required for further investigation.

As the parties were referred to the Mediation Centre and no amicable settlement could be arrived at, it is apparent that the matter is required to be decided on merits.

In view of the above, the order dated 6.1.2022 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and the petition stands allowed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE

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