

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

(Sr. No. 206)

**CRM-M No.2519 of 2021**

**Date of decision : 04.04.2022**

**Bhupinder Singh**

.....Petitioner

*Versus*

**State of Punjab and another**

.....Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL**

Present : Mr. Shivam Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Gunkirat Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Arvind Galav, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.92 dated 29.12.2020 registered under Sections 406, 498-A IPC at Police Station Women, district Ludhiana.

On 27.08.2021 this Court had passed the following order : -

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 31.03.2021, passed by this Court, the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, however, the mediation proceedings could not take place on account of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. He further submits that this matter be again referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court in terms of order dated 31.03.2021 for exploring the possibility of amicable settlement/reconciliation between the parties.*

*Learned counsel for respondent No.2 does not oppose the request of learned counsel for the petitioner.*

*The matter is referred back to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court in terms of order dated 31.03.2021 passed by this Court for exploring the possibility of amicable settlement/reconciliation between the parties. The parties are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 15.09.2021.*

*For awaiting the report, adjourned to 25.11.2021.*

*Meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating officer. In the event of his arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”*

Learned State counsel submits that under the afore-quoted order passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is no longer required by the State.

In view of the above as also for the reason that present FIR is based on a matrimonial dispute between the parties, the interim order of this Court dated 27.08.2021 granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is ordered to be made absolute.

**04.04.2022**

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**( DEEPAK SIBAL )  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No