

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(208)

CRM-M-3649-2022

Date of Decision: 04.05.2022

Gautam Chopra

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ.J (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.160 dated 29.12.2021 registered under Sections 406, 498-A IPC at Police Station, Women, Ludhiana, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

By virtue of the order dated 1.2.2022 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that in pursuance to the order dated 1.2.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation. Counsel submits that parties appeared before the Mediation Centre to amicably resolve their dispute, however, the same could not be resolved. Counsel further submits that as per the compromise arrived at the FDR of Rs.11 lakhs is already there in the name of the daughter and hence the petitioner has completed his part of the compromise. However, it is because of the complainant that the settlement could not be arrived at.

Learned counsel for complainant has vehemently opposed the submissions made by counsel for petitioner.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Veena Rani has endorsed the same and submitted that petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, the order dated 1.2.2022 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

04.05.2022

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	Whether Reportable:	Yes/No