

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

CRM-M-4250-2020
Date of Decision: 18.04.2022

MANPREET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present : Mr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Sidhu, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.20 dated 31.10.2019, registered under Sections 498-A, 323, 406 IPC, 1860, at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana Rural.

By virtue of the order dated 10.01.2022, 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 31.01.2020, the parties appeared before the Mediation Centre and litigation expenses of Rs.15,000/- has also been paid to the complainant, however, the mediation remained unsuccessful. Report of the Mediator dated 05.01.2022 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 10.01.2022 be made absolute.

On instructions from ASI Buta 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 10.01.2022 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and the petition stands allowed.

18.04.2022

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**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No