

CRM-M-10412-2022

Date of Decision: 07.09.2022

Jatinder Chopla

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Himmat Singh Deol, Advocate, for the petitioner.  
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.  
Mr. Gagan Oberoi, Advocate, for the complainant.

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

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.54, dated 3.6.2021, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, at Police Station Women Cell, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

By virtue of the order dated 19.5.2022, while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has joined the investigation and fully cooperated. He has submitted that majority of the dowry articles are also got recovered from the petitioner and thus, the interim order may kindly be made absolute.

Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and submitted that recovery of dowry articles remains to be effected from him as he did not cooperate for recovery of the dowry articles.

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Sukhwinder Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and they are in a position to file the challan in this case. He submits that the petitioner is no more

required for further investigation.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that simply on the ground that the dowry articles remain to be effected, the anticipatory bail of the petitioner cannot be rejected. The case needs to be thoroughly investigated and tried by the trial Court.

In view of the above, the order dated 19.5.2022 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**

**07.09.2022**

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether Reportable : Yes/No