

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

CRM-M-12689-2021

Date of decision : 24.02.2022

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. A.P.S. Rehan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manvender Chauhan, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.25 dated 05.02.2021, under Sections 406, 498-A and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

Vide order dated 01.12.2021 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to order dated 01.12.2021, petitioner has joined the investigation and parties appeared before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court as well. He submits that despite number of meetings before the Mediation Centre, the same remained unsuccessful.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that the parties though appeared before the Mediation Centre, however, the same remained unsuccessful because of the non-cooperating attitude of the

petitioner. He submits that recovery of majority of the dowry articles remains to be effected.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jaswant Singh has affirmed the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation. However, the dowry articles remain to be recovered.

In view of the attending facts and circumstances, this Court finds that the allegations and counter-allegations can be evaluated only after a thorough and fair investigation. At this stage, the Court finds that interim order dated 01.12.2021 deserves to be confirmed. As no settlement has taken place between the parties, so the matter deserves to be decided on merits.

In view of the above, interim order dated 01.12.2021 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands allowed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

24.02.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No