

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(209)

CRM-M-13369-2022
Date of Decision: 10.10.2022

Manjeet Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

--Respondents

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

Present:- Ms. Arti Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate for respondent no.2.

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.0131 dated 18.11.2021 registered under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana.

By virtue of the order dated 31.3.2022 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the order dated 31.3.2022 petitioner has joined investigation. It is also submitted that petitioner has also paid litigation expenses of Rs.25,000/- as directed by this court. She submits that despite best efforts, parties could not settle the dispute amicably.

Report of the Mediator has been placed on record which affirms the above position.

Learned counsel for respondent no.2 submits that she is ready to settle the dispute if petitioner is ready to pay an amount of Rs.20 lakh to her. However, counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner is not in a

position to pay the aforesaid amount.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Roop Chand has endorsed the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation and submitted that he is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, the order dated 31.3.2022 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

10.10.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No