

206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10867-2020
Date of Decision: 30.03.2022

ASHOK KUMAR ... PETITIONER
V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER ... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Manjeet Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. A.A.Pathak, Addl. AG Punjab.
Mr. A.S.Manaise, Advocate for the complainant.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.
20 dated 18.02.2020 under Sections 406, 498-A, 354-A, 354-B IPC,
registered at Police Station Sujampur, District Pathankot.

On 18.02.2022, following order was passed:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that matrimonial dispute has been amicably settled. Learned counsel for the complainant has acknowledged this fact. However, learned State counsel has pointed out that only arrest of the petitioner has been stayed and he is yet to join the investigation.

Adjourned to 30.03.2022.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is
the father-in-law of the complainant and he has joined the investigation in

pursuance of the interim order passed by this Court.

Learned State counsel, on instructions of ASI Mahesh Kumar, has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspect and has stated that the petitioner is no more required for custodial interrogation.

In these set of circumstances, sufficient exceptional circumstances are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. The order dated 18.02.2022 is made absolute.

The petition stands allowed.

30.03.2022

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**(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE**

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