

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

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CRM-M-21532-2021

Date of Decision:14.03.2022

PARAMJEET KAUR

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

2.

CRM-M-21887-2021

BIHARI LAL

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Amit Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh Bhullar, Advocate for the complainant.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

This order shall dispose of CRM-M-21532-2021 titled as **Paramjeet Kaur versus State of Punjab** and CRM-M-21887-2021 titled as **Bihari Lal versus State of Punjab**, as both the petitioners, who are in-laws of the complainant are accused in the same case i.e. FIR No.14 dated 24.04.2021 registered under Sections 498-A and 506 of IPC, 1860, at Police Station Women, District Bathinda, Annexure P-1, and have approached this Court by way of separate petitions seeking grant of pre-arrest bail.

As per the case of the prosecution, FIR, Annexure P-1, came to be registered on the complaint of Nidhi Sharma on the allegation that her marriage was solemnized on 20.01.2020 with Gagandeep Sharma, who left for Canada on 25.05.2020 and is residing at 11 Skyvalley Drive, Brampton, Ontario. She has levelled allegation of harassment and cruelty as well as intimidation against her husband as well as her in-laws, the present petitioners.

Initially, this Court directed the parties to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre and stayed the arrest of the petitioners, however, the mediation proceedings could not fructify.

While granting interim protection to the petitioner, this Court passed the following order on 23.11.2021:-

“Report has been received from the Mediation Centre of this Court. As per the report, the complainant has not joined the mediation proceedings.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sparan Singh has apprised the Court that in compliance of order dated 16.08.2021 petitioner(s) has surrendered her/his passport with the investigating officer.

Adjourned to 14.03.2022.

Meanwhile, the petitioner(s) is directed to join the investigation and appear before the investigating agency as and when called upon to do so. In the event of her/his arrest, she/he shall be admitted to interim bail on her/his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner(s) shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.”

Upon instructions from ASI Jagseer Singh, State counsel submits that the petitioners have joined the investigation and are no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the present petitions are allowed and the order dated 23.11.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

14.03.2022
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JUDGE

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