

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

CRM-M-23523-2020

Date of Decision:- 24.11.2022.

GURPREET SINGH

....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Y.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant A.G., Punjab
Mr. K.S. Saini, Advocate for the respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner – Gurpreet Singh has filed the instant petition under Section 438 CrP.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.297 dated 22.07.2020 under Sections 498A/323/341/506 IPC, P.S. Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

As per the facts of the case complainant Ravneet Kaur stated that she was married with the petitioner Gurpreet Singh on 01.11.2014 according to Sikh Rites. Her parents had given dowry beyond their capacity including gold ornaments to her husband and relatives. Her in-laws family was unhappy with the dowry articles and was taunting her for bringing less dowry. She gave birth to daughter Gaganpreet Kaur, who is 5 years old. Thereafter, they started maltreating her all the more. She was sent to parental house. Her parents had convened a Panchayat and she was sent back to the matrimonial home. All her dowry articles were lying with her mother-in-law. Her father also expired in September, 2019 and she is

dependent on her brother. On 21.07.2020 at about 8 am she was beaten up and turned out of the house by her husband and in-laws families. She disclosed all the facts to her mother and other family members. On seeing her condition, she was taken Civil Hospital Dhakoli where she was given medical treatment. Again a Panchayat was convened. Her mother and brother tried to make them understand and requested for time to satisfy their demand for motorcycle. She was sent back in the matrimonial home. She was again beaten up and turned out of the matrimonial home. She was taken to Civil Hospital Dhakoli. Since then she is living in her parental house. Ultimately the matter was reported to the police and the present case has been registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that all the allegations levelled against him are false. He has also joined the investigation as per the interim bail order dated 21.08.2020. The dowry articles are already handed over. He is still ready to join the investigation, therefore, his anticipatory bail application may be allowed.

The bail application is opposed by counsel representing the State as well as the counsel representing the complainant. The complainant along with her daughter was present in the Court who still wanted to reconcile the matter with her husband for the sake of her daughter. The petitioner has not come present in the Court. It is argued that there are specific serious allegations of maltreatment and demand of dowry, therefore, he is not entitled to be released on anticipatory bail.

I have considered the facts of the case as well as arguments advanced before me. The present anticipatory bail application was filed in August, 2020. The petitioner was granted interim bail and thereafter several

efforts were made for their reconciliation but no positive result came out. The mediation also failed. I have gone through the record produced before me by learned counsel representing the State. The MLR of Ravneet Kaur dated 21.07.2020 is on the record according to which 8 injuries were noticed on her body which were declared simple in nature. The complainant has levelled serious allegations of maltreatment on account of demand of dowry which are supported by the MLR. The complainant is turned out of the matrimonial home along with her minor daughter. Considering the specific allegations and the gravity of offence I do not find a fit case for anticipatory bail and the same is accordingly declined.

24.11.2022

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether reportable: Yes/No