

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

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CRM-M-31100-2021

Date of Decision:22.03.2022

GURPREET SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. R.S. Bains, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Vivek Vikas Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

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

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

Vide the instant petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.57 dated 11.06.2021, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of IPC, 1860, at Police Station Women Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Annexure P-1.

FIR, Annexure P-1, has been registered on the complaint by Navneet Kaur against her husband, Gurpreet Singh (present petitioner), Dalbara Singh (father-in-law) and Jaswant Kaur (mother-in-law) on the allegation of mental and physical harassment on account of bringing insufficient dowry. Allegation has also been levelled that the accused have misappropriated the dowry articles.

By making a reference to the Recovery Memo, Annexure P-3, learned Senior Counsel submits that all the dowry articles allegedly entrusted to the accused have been returned and the Recovery Memo is duly signed by the accused as well as the complainant and police officials. He submits that pursuant to order dated 05.08.2021 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Upon instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh, State counsel has affirmed the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Upon further instructions, he submits that all the articles have been recovered and neither the petitioner is required for custodial interrogation and nor any further recovery is to be effected from him. He is assisted by Ms. Rinky Gupta, Advocate, who has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant/respondent No.2 and has filed her Memorandum of Appearance, which is taken on record.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 05.08.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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JUDGE

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