

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

CRM-M-29475-2022

Date of decision : 09.11.2022

Saravjit Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- None for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S. Momi, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.25 dated 29.05.2022, under Sections 406, 498-A of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Woman Patiala, Tehsil and District Patiala, Punjab.

Vide order dated 13.07.2022, while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

The report of the Mediator dated 31.10.2022 has been received showing that the parties could not settle the dispute amicably. The report dated 05.09.2022 would read that respondent No.2 interacted with her elder son namely, Ashvanjot Singh who came along with the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted that litigation expenses of Rs.25,000/- has been paid by the petitioner to the complainant and the petitioner brought the elder son only in one sitting

before the Mediation Centre. He submits that the mediation failed because of the non-cooperating attitude of the petitioner. He also submits that the recovery of the articles remains to be effected.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh submits that in pursuance to order dated 13.07.2022, the petitioner has joined investigation.

I have heard counsel for the parties and perused the record. Recovery part is disputed by counsel for the complainant. However, recovery itself cannot be a ground for rejecting the bail. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, interim order dated 13.07.2022 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands allowed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

09.11.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No