

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-35490 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:25.08.2022

Jagdeep Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Gurcharan Dass, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S.Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate
for the complainant.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.61 dated 19.06.2021 registered under Sections 406, 498-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

On 16.12.2021, this Court passed the following order:-

“As per report received from the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, the parties failed to arrive at an amicable settlement.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated that false allegations have been levelled by the complainant-wife against him of subjecting her to harassment and humiliation on account of dowry demand. He further submits that in fact the complainant was unhappy with her marriage with the petitioner which was evident from fact that she had been pressurizing him for a divorce. In support, he has invited the attention of this Court to Annexure P-4 which are whatsapp exchanges between them to the said effect. He further submits that the very fact that the complainant left her matrimonial home of her own accord leaving behind her minor child further lent credence to his submissions that it was in fact the complainant-wife who on account of her unwillingness to continue her marriage with the petitioner had levelled all kinds of false allegations against him.

Adjourned to 04.04.2022.

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

Upon instructions from SI Raghbir Singh, State counsel submits that except for minor items, which have been claimed by the complainant on a list supplied by her at later stage, all other items including jewellery have been recovered.

In view of the above facts, but without commenting on the merits of the case, present petition is allowed and order dated 16.12.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

August 25, 2022

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes