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

(216)

CRM-M-36453-2021.  
Date of Decision:-20.04.2022.

Harpreet Singh Sethi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

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Present: Mr. C.S. Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Shantanu Bansal, Advocate for the complainant.

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**RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.58 dated 13.06.2021 under Sections 406, 498-A of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Women, Ludhiana.

Vide order dated 17.09.2021, while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance to the order dated 17.09.2021, the petitioner has joined the investigation. He further submits that the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, however, the dispute could not be resolved.

Learned counsel for the complainant has submitted that the

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parties though appeared before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court but the same remained unsuccessful due to the non-cooperating conduct of the petitioner.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, has affirmed the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. However, he submits that recovery of some dowry articles remains to be effected.

In the facts and circumstances, this Court finds that the interim order dated 17.09.2021 deserves to be confirmed. As no settlement has taken place between the parties, so the matter requires to be decided on merits by the learned trial Court.

In view of the above, interim order dated 17.09.2021 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands allowed.

**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)**  
**JUDGE**

**April 20, 2022.**

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes/No