

209 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-41212-2021  
Date of Decision: 12.07.2022

PARMINDER SINGH AND OTHERS ... PETITIONERS  
V/S  
STATE OF PUNJAB & ANOTHER ... RESPONDENTS

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

Present: Mr. H.S.Dhandi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, AAG Punjab.

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**VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No. 171 dated 05.09.2021 under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC, registered at Police Station Lalru, District SAS Nagar.

On 01.10.2021, following order was passed:

“Counsel for the petitioners herein would contend that the marriage between the parties pertains to the year 2011 and out of this wedlock, there is a seven years old child. It is argued that till the registration of present FIR in 2021, there has been no complaint made earlier. It is submitted that the petitioners are ready to join the investigation and hand over whatever dowry articles are in their possession. He prays that the matter be sent to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to resolve the dispute amicably.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG Punjab, who is appearing through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice. Similarly, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the complainant and opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners by submitting that there are specific allegations in the FIR, however, he is not averse to the mediation process.

The parties to the marriage are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this court on 28.10.2021 to try and settle their disputes amicably,

where the petitioner-husband would pay a sum of Rs.22,000/- to the complainant towards litigation and travelling expenses.

Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation within a period of one week and on their doing so, in the event of arrest the petitioners be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioners shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

To await report, list before this court on 08.03.2022.”

The mediation remained unsuccessful.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contend that in pursuance of the interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioners have joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Onkar Singh, submits that no reply is required to be filed in the instant case. The petitioners have joined the investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required.

In these set of circumstances, sufficient exceptional circumstances are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners. The order dated 01.10.2021 is made absolute.

The petition stands allowed.

12.07.2022

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(VIVEK PURI)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No*  
*Whether reportable : Yes/No*