

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

CRMM-41458-2021
Date of Decision:-03.02.2022

KARAMJEET KAUR

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Satish Sabharwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Case has been heard through video conferencing on account of
COVID-19 Pandemic.

Instant petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of
anticipatory bail in case having FIR No.97 dated 15.09.2021 registered
under Sections 495, 496, 419, 420, 403, 380, 120-B IPC at Police Station
Makhu, District Ferozepur.

The counsel for the petitioner contents that the petitioner who is
stated to be mediator in the marriage of complainant-Kulwant Singh and

Jaspreet Kaur, is 65 years old lady and has nothing to do with the aforesaid marriage, which as per complainant was later on found to be sham marriage. Counsel further contends that the petitioner has joined the investigation in the light of the order dated 4.10.2021 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court and she cooperated with the police during the investigation. The counsel for the petitioner made further prayer that the aforesaid order of interim bail be made absolute.

The State counsel has refuted the assertions made by the counsel for the petitioner regarding the allegations made in the FIR. The State counsel further submitted that the petitioner and one Jaswinder Kaur took brokerage worth ₹70,000/- from the complainant for arranging the aforesaid marriage, which was later on found to be sham. However, at the same time the State counsel on the instructions of SI Sukhwinder Singh admitted the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police and he further stated that the petitioner is not required by the police for any custodial interrogation.

In view of the fact that petitioner is a lady aged about 65 years and she has joined the investigation and is not required by the police for any custodial investigation, the present petition is hereby allowed. The order of interim bail dated 4.10.2021 is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

03.02.2022
Gaurav Sorot

Whether reasoned / speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No