

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

**CRM-M-42156-2021
Date of decision : 20.05.2022**

Seema Rani and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Nitin Verma, Advocate
for Mr. Surinder Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

Mr. Nikhil Vats, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.149 dated 23.09.2021, registered at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC.

Vide orders dated 07.12.2021 while granting interim protection, the petitioners were directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in pursuance to orders dated 07.12.2021, petitioners have joined the investigation and parties appeared before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court as well. He submits that despite number of meetings before the Mediation Centre, the same remained unsuccessful. He prays that the interim order dated 07.12.2021 be made absolute.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that the husband of respondent No.2-complainant is abroad and only mother-in-law and sister-in-law (petitioner here) are before this Court. He opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Ashok Kumar has affirmed the fact that petitioners have joined the investigation.

In view of the attending facts and circumstances, this Court finds that the allegations and counter-allegations can be evaluated only after a thorough and fair investigation. At this stage, the Court finds that interim order dated 07.12.2021 deserves to be confirmed. As no settlement has taken place between the parties, so the matter deserves to be decided on merits.

In view of the above, interim order dated 07.12.2021 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands allowed.

20.05.2022

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**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No