

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

(Sr. No. 203)

CRM-M No. 43014 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision : 22.07.2022

Gurinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Ankur Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Gunkirat Kaur, AAG, Punjab.
Ms. Srishtti Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Gaurav Dutta, Advocate for the respondent No.2.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.117 dated 26.08.2021 registered under Sections 323 and 498-A IPC at Police Station Amloh, district Fatehgarh Sahib.

On 12.10.2021, this Court had passed the following order : -

“By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner is seeking grant of anticipatory bail, in case FIR No. 117, dated 26.08.2021, under Section 498-A of IPC, registered at Police Station Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that false allegations have been levelled against the petitioner by respondent No.2 (complainant) that she was subjected to harassment and maltreatment on account of not getting sufficient dowry at the time of marriage. Learned counsel submits that essentially it was on

account of temperamental differences between the parties, the FIR in question came to be registered against the petitioner. Further submits that the petitioner is willing to explore the possibility of amicable settlement/ reconciliation with respondent No.2 (complainant) and prays that for exploring the possibility of amicable settlement/ reconciliation, the matter may be referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

Notice of motion for 15.02.2022.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Let a copy of the complete paper book be supplied to the learned State counsel during the course of the day.

For exploring the possibility of amicable settlement/reconciliation between the parties, the matter is referred to the Mediation and conciliation Centre of this Court. Parties are directed to appear before the said Forum on 17.11.2021. Needless to say that parties shall remain present on each and every date fixed by the Forum. The petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.20,000/- to respondent No.2 (complainant) towards litigation expenses, on her appearance before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. Meanwhile, petitioner is also directed to join 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.”

Learned State counsel submits that under the afore-quoted order passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

After considering the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner in the afore-quoted order and the statement made on behalf of the State, the interim order of this Court dated 12.10.2021, granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is ordered to be made absolute.

22.07.2022

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No