

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(203)

CRM-M-39314-2022
Date of Decision: 13.12.2022

Jatinder Kumar Verma

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Lalit Singla, Advocate for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ.J (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.046 dated 3.8.2022 registered under Section 498-A IPC at Police Station, Women, District Patiala.

By virtue of the order dated 1.9.2022 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the order dated 1.9.2022 petitioner has joined investigation and also paid the litigation expenses of Rs.25,000/- as directed by this court. He submits that parties had duly appeared before the Mediation Centre, however, the proceedings remained unsuccessful. Counsel has denied the factum of marriage with the complainant. He prays that the interim order may kindly be made absolute.

Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the submissions made by counsel for petitioner. He submits that though petitioner has paid the litigation expenses, however, on three occasions he

did not appear before the Mediation Centre.

Report of the Mediator has also been placed on record, wherein it has been mentioned that both the parties were present on 14.9.2022. Thereafter, proceedings were held on 23.9.2022, 14.10.2022, 28.10.2022, 10.11.2022 and 18.11.2022 but the parties could not reach at settlement and the mediation was closed as unsuccessful on 18.11.2022.

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Gurjeet Kaur has endorsed the fact that petitioner has joined investigation and submitted that that petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, the order dated 1.9.2022 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C and the petition stands allowed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

13.12.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No