

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

CRM-M -44305-2021

Date of Decision: 22.08.2022

DEBO RANI

... PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr. Keshav Chadha, Advocate for
Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, Additional A.G.Punjab.

Mr. P.S.Paul, Advocate
for the complainant.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.114 dated 25.08.2021 under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC registered at Police Station Nurpur Bedi, District Rupnagar.

On 07.04.2022, the following order was passed:-

“As per report received from the Mediator, there seems chances of amicable settlement between the parties and a request for extension of time has been made.

The parties are again directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Center of this Court on 09.05.2022.

Learned State counsel has pointed out that in the instant case, the arrest of the petitioner has been stayed and she is yet to join the investigation. The petitioner is the mother-in-law of the complainant.

To await the report, list again on 22.08.2022.

Meanwhile, it is directed that in the event of arrest, the petitioner be admitted on interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer subject to the condition that he joins the investigation and comply with other conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

As per the report, the parties could not reach any amicable settlement, despite best efforts, during the course of mediation proceedings.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is mother-in-law of the complainant having no role in the matrimonial dispute between her son and the complainant. Furthermore, the husband of the complainant has also been granted anticipatory bail by this Court. He further submits that in pursuance of interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Dharampal, has not assailed the aforesaid factual aspect(s) and further contends that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

Keeping in view the entire circumstances, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, order dated 07.04.2022, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is made absolute.

Petition is allowed.

22.08.2022
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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