

CRM-M-45727-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 21.3.2022

Lakhwinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Vikasdeep Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms.Ruchika Sabherwal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Balwinder Singh, Advocate, for the complainant.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Matter has been taken up through video conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.193 dated 2.9.2021 registered under Sections 498-A, 115, 406, 34 IPC, at Police Station City, Rajpura, District Patiala.

By virtue of the order dated 1.11.2021, while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He submits that the parties were referred to the Mediation Centre, however, the matter could not be settled amicably.

On the last date of hearing, another effort was made wherein, learned counsel for the petitioner has given an offer of Rs.3 lacs, however, learned counsel for the complainant submits that he could not seek instructions regarding the same.

Learned State counsel has affirmed the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further investigation.

In view of the attending circumstances, I find that the matter should be investigated and decided on merits.

In view of the above, the interim order dated 1.11.2021 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

21.3.2022

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No