

212/2 THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-47664-2021
Date of Decision: 18.01.2022

RANJIT SINGH ... PETITIONER
V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG Punjab.

(The case has been taken up through video conferencing on account of Covid-19 pandemic)

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

On 22.11.2021, following order was passed:

“Ranjit Singh-petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in the case bearing FIR No. 78 dated 23.10.2021 under Sections 498-A/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Purana Shalla, District Gurdaspur.

It has been contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the marriage of the petitioner was solemnized with Manpreet Kaur-complainant on 17.09.2019 and matrimonial dispute has cropped up between them. False allegations with regard to the demand of dowry and misappropriation of dowry articles have been raised in the complaint. The petitioner and his mother are owner of the agricultural land to the extent of 01 acre each. A daughter has been born from the wedlock. The complainant being guardian of the minor daughter has filed a civil suit staking claim over the said property prior to lodging of the FIR. The present FIR has been lodged to pressurize the petitioner to part with the agricultural land owned by him.

It has been further stated that Surjit Kaur, the mother-in-law of the complainant has already been granted interim bail by this Court in terms of order dated 03.11.2020 passed in CRM-M-46480-2021.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh Cheema, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate has put in appearance on

behalf of the complainant and filed his Vakalatnama.

To be heard along with CRM-M-46480-2021 on 17.01.2022.

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 join the investigation and comply with other conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

The learned counsel for the petitioner states that in pursuance of the interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Narinder Pal Singh, has not disputed the factual aspect of the case and has stated that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In these set of circumstances, sufficient exceptional circumstances are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. The order dated 22.11.2021 is made absolute.

The petition stands allowed.

(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

18.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No