

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

CRM-M-51484-2021

Date of decision : 25.05.2022

Randhir Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Vishal Munjal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Harish Kumar Verma, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0115 dated 10.11.2021, under Sections 498-A, 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860), registered at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot.

Vide order dated 31.03.2022 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that pursuant to order dated 31.03.2022, petitioner has joined the investigation and as such, his interim bail may be made absolute. He further submits that the parties appeared before the Mediation Centre at District Courts Pathankot, however, despite best efforts by the petitioner's side, the matter could not be amicably resolved. He submits that the recovery has also got effected, however, due to the unreasonable demand of the complainant, the matter could not be resolved.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the complainant opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner. He submits that half of the dowry articles remain to be effected.

Learned State counsel has endorsed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner that petitioner has joined investigation. She submits that as per instructions, two gold rings remain to be effected and rest of the dowry articles have been recovered.

I have heard counsel for the parties and perused the record.

It is apparent that the petitioner has joined investigation. The mediation though, remained unsuccessful, however, majority part of the investigation is already complete. Few of the dowry articles remains to be effected which cannot be considered as a sufficient ground for declining the bail. The case deserves to be investigated thoroughly and decided on merits.

Accordingly, interim order dated 31.03.2022 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands allowed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

25.05.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No