

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

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**CRM-M-54171 of 2021
Date of decision :21.09.2022**

Pritam Kaur and others

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Mohit Chaudhary, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Dinesh Mahajan, Advocate, for the complainant.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in FIR No.12 dated 27.11.2021 under Sections 406, 417 and 498-A IPC registered at Police Station NRI, District Gurdaspur, Punjab.

While granting interim protection to the petitioners, on 23.12.2021, this Court passed the following order:-

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.12 dated 27.11.2021 under Sections 406, 417 and 498-A IPC registered at Police Station NRI, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioners while inviting the attention of this Court to the FIR (Annexure P-1) submits that there are no allegations qua any dowry demand and even the other allegations of mental harassment are totally false and concocted. He submits that since the complainant was not able to adjust in her matrimonial home, she planted a false case upon the entire in-laws family.

Notice of motion for 06.05.2022.

*Meanwhile, petitioners-**Pritam Kaur, Kamaljit Kaur, Dalbir Singh and Sukhjinder Singh @ Sukhwinder Singh** are directed to join the investigation and appear before the investigating agency as and when called upon to do so. In the event of their arrest, they shall be*

admitted to interim bail on their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioners shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

On a subsequent date during the pendency of the petition, vide order dated 06.05.2022, the parties were directed to appear before the Mediation Centre, Gurdaspur to explore the possibility of a settlement. The parties appeared before the Centre and litigation and travelling expenses of Rs.35,000/- were paid by the petitioners to the complainant. A report has been received from the Mediation Centre that despite ten sessions on six different dates, no settlement could be arrived at.

Upon instructions received from ASI Dara Singh, learned State counsel submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation. Still further, he submits that the recovered articles have been handed over to the complainant. Upon further instructions, he submits that the petitioners are not involved in any other criminal case.

In view of the above, without commenting upon the allegations levelled in the petition, present petition is allowed and order dated 23.12.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

21.09.2022
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>