

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

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CRM-M-43589-2019

Date of Decision: 29.04.2022

AMRITPAL SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Gopal Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gurnoor Sandhu, Advocate for the complainant.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

Vide the instant petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.52 dated 31.08.2019, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 and 109 of IPC, 1860, at Women Police Station, District Bathinda.

FIR is an outcome of a matrimonial dispute between the parties. While issuing notice of motion on 11.10.2019, this Court stayed the arrest of the husband-petitioner and directed the parties to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. However, the mediation proceedings failed.

Vide order dated 21.01.2020, the petitioner was granted interim protection and directed to appear before the Investigating Officer, co-operate with the Investigating Agency and return the dowry articles alleged to be in his possession.

Upon instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, State counsel submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation, recovery has been effected from him and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

Counsel for the petitioner has handed over a Demand Draft No.525405 dated 19.04.2022 of Rs.50,000/- drawn on Punjab National Bank, a photocopy of which has been retained on the record, in the name of the complainant, to her counsel to enable her to meet the expenses for applying for duplicate copies of the educational and other documents alleged to be in the possession of the petitioner.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 21.01.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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JUDGE

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