

CRM-M-55137-2019

Date of Decision: 29.4.2022

Harjashpal Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJPresent: Mr. Surinder Kumar Daaria, Advocate for
Mr. Ravi Chadda, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.75 dated 18.10.2019, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC at Police Station Talwara, District Hoshiarpur.

Vide order dated 20.12.2019, arrest of the petitioner was stayed and parties were directed to appear before the Mediation Centre. Vide order dated 26.11.2021, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation and vide order dated 10.2.2022, he was directed to pay Rs.30,000/- as litigation expenses to the wife. The petitioner neither appeared before the Mediation Centre nor paid the litigation expenses. The case came up for hearing on 25.4.2022 and no compliance of the order was made and again in the interest of justice, it was adjourned for today i.e. 29.4.2022 with a direction to the petitioner to appear in person in Court.

The petitioner, who is said to be a Patwari in Irrigation Department, is present in person in Court. The Court interacted with the petitioner. Instead of having any remorse on his conduct, he has virtually dictated terms to this Court that he would not pay the litigation expenses as

directed by this Court to the wife, but the same can be paid to his son. On the issue of joining mediation proceedings also he has shown reluctance.

In the overall facts and circumstances, this Court is satisfied that the petitioner does not deserve any leniency. The extra ordinary relief under Section 438 Cr.P.C. cannot be extended to the accused like the petitioner, who is present in Court.

In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

29.4.2022

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