

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

(104)

CRM-M-1008-2023.
Date of Decision:-10.01.2023.

Hemant Puri

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Kamal Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

The present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.238 dated 23.11.2022 under Sections 323, 406 and 498-A of IPC and Section 12 of the POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Kalka, District Panchkula, Haryana.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the entire story is concocted and in fact the complainant is the Bhabi of the petitioner who has a matrimonial discord with her husband. He further submits that the entire FIR has been purposefully drafted to involve the entire family into litigation. He further submits that the petitioner is working in a Bank and has a touring job and, therefore, has no role in the said matrimonial discord. The allegations have been purposefully leveled to enroll the petitioner into this litigation.

Having heard the counsel for the petitioner and after perusing the FIR, it transpires that the main bone of contention for demand of dowry

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from the complainant is for facilitation of the petitioner to go abroad. It has been averred in the FIR that the complainant are three sisters and their parents have expired and after their death, the family of the complainant have been pressurizing and torturing the complainant to sell their parental house so that the money received from that sale could be utilized to settle the petitioner abroad.

There are specific allegations levelled against the petitioner under Section 12 of the POCSO Act.

In light of the above, no ground for concession of interim bail to the petitioner is made out.

Finding no merit, the present petition is dismissed.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

January 10, 2023.

Sandeep

Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No