

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

**CRM-M No.4570 of 2023
Date of Decision: 07.11.2023**

Ketan Sood

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurlal Singh Dhillon, AAG, Punjab,
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner herein seeks the relief of pre-arrest/anticipatory bail in the criminal case arisen out of the FIR bearing No.0178 dated 02.08.2022 registered at Police Station Haibowal, District Ludhiana, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC.

2. It is worth-while to mention here that vide the order passed by the Co-ordinate Bench on 30.01.2023, the arrest of the petitioner had been stayed, subject to his joining in the investigation. However, today, learned State counsel, on the instructions from ASI Rajender Singh from above-referred Police Station, informs the Court that though the petitioner had

joined the investigation but he did not co-operate in the same as the '*Istri-dhan*' of the complainant-wife, including gold jewellery articles weighing 10 '*tolas*', has not been got recovered by him.

3. Further, a bare perusal of the subject FIR itself reveals that the complainant-wife has levelled categoric and specific allegations therein to the effect that the petitioner-husband used to come home in an inebriated condition and to give her merciless beatings, almost daily. Today, learned counsel for the complainant-wife has sent an *email* at the *email address* of this Court, containing a video-clip (which has been played/shown in the Court in the presence of learned counsel for the parties) to show that the petitioner was hitting/beating the wife with a belt.

4. Keeping in view afore-discussed facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner does not deserve the concession of anticipatory/pre-arrest bail. Resultantly, the petition in hand is, hereby, dismissed accordingly.

07.11.2023

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>No</i>