

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

211-I

Criminal Misc. No. M-7727 of 2023

Date of decision :-10.08.2023

Lovepreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate
For the complainant.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.284 dated 27.12.2022, under Sections 498-A and 406 IPC, registered at Police Station City-2, Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the husband and respondent No.2/complainant is the wife.

Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that the matter stands settled between the parties and in that regard the first motion statement has been recorded on 25.7.2023 and the second motion statement is to be recorded on 30.1.2024.

On 14.2.2023, this Court had passed the following order

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“Through instant petition under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 284 dated 27.12.2022, under Sections 498-A and 406 IPC, registered at Police Station City 2 Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that petitioner is husband of complainant-respondent No. 2. This Court vide order dated 25.1.2023 has granted concession of interim bail to parents of the petitioner. The petitioner is ready to join investigation and face proceedings. There is no possibility of flee from justice. The arrest would cause irreparable loss, mental agony, embarrassment and humiliation to petitioner as well entire family.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG, Punjab, who is present in court on advance notice, accepts notice on behalf of State-respondent.

Mr. J.K.Singla, Advocate, has filed vakalatnama on behalf of the complainant-respondent No. 2. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that there is possibility of amicable settlement between the parties, thus, matter may be referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

The parties are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 20.02.2023 to explore possibility of settlement.

The petitioner shall pay Rs. 35,000/- to the respondent towards litigation expenses.

To await report, adjourned to 10.03.2023.

In the meantime, the investigating officer shall refrain from taking coercive steps against the petitioner.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Amrik Singh states that in terms of the order passed by this Court, reproduced above, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation is required at this stage.

In view of the above, the order dated 14.2.2023 granting interim protection to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency in case he is required for the same in future as and when called upon to do so.

In case at any given point of time hereinafter, it is felt by the investigating agency that the petitioner is required for the investigation but is not cooperating, they will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

August 10, 2023
Vijay Asija

(**NIDHI GUPTA**)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No
Whether Reportable Yes / No