

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

CRM-M-22117-2022
Date of decision: 15.12.2023

MANPREET SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR.

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Jawandha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Gurcharan Dass, Advocate for respondent No.2.

VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. On 05.07.2023, the following order was passed:-

"1. The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in the case bearing FIR No. 20 dated 13.04.2022 under Sections 406, 498-A, 323 and 34 IPC registered at Police Station Kheri Naudh Singh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the marriage of the petitioner was solemnized with the complainant on 19.01.2020 and a daughter has been born from the wedlock. At the earlier instance, the dispute was amicably settled in terms of the compromise, Annexure P-3. The dispute has arisen on account of temperamental difference between the parties. The efforts were also made for amicable settlement through mediation as well as otherwise, but the same could not fructify. The mother of the petitioner is the co-accused and is on bail. The arrest of the petitioner was stayed in terms of the order dated 26.05.2022.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Lakhwinder Kumar, submits that the petitioner is yet to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that the signatures of the complainant were forcibly obtained on the compromise by the police officials and she was subjected to harassment on account of demand of dowry.

5. Adjourned to 22.09.2023.

6. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) of Code of Criminal Procedure.”*

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of interim directions, the petitioner has joined the investigation. Furthermore, the matrimonial dispute has also been amicably settled between the parties.
3. On instructions from Jatinder Pal, learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspects and also submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
4. In view of the aforesaid submissions, the order dated 05.07.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.
5. The petition is allowed.

15.12.2023
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No