

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

CRM-M-23745-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 24.11.2023

KAMALJIT KAUR

.....PETITIONER

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....RESPONDENTS

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CRM-M-23800-2023 (O&M)

ATMA SINGH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Kunal Choksi, Advocate,
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. G.S. Sandhu, D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. G.P. Vashisht, Advocate, for
Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Advocate,
for respondent No. 2 (complainant).

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN J. (ORAL)

[1] The present petitions have been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner(s) in case FIR No. 14, dated 18.03.2023, registered at Police Station Singh Bhagwantpur, District Rupnagar, under Sections 406 and 498-A of the IPC (Annexure P-1).

[2] A status report, dated 24.11.2023, by way of an affidavit of Sh. Tarlochan Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar, has been filed in Court today by learned State counsel. The same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been given to learned counsel for the petitioners.

[3] Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioner-Kamaljit Kaur is the mother-in-law and the petitioner-Atma Singh is the father-in-law of the complainant, Kulwinder Kaur. Both have joined investigation, in pursuance to the order dated 03.08.2023, passed in these petitions. As per the status report filed in Court today by learned State counsel, it has also been confirmed that petitioner-Kamaljit Kaur has joined the investigation on 25.10.2023, in terms of the aforesaid order dated 03.08.2023 passed by this Court.

[3] However, it has been submitted by the learned State counsel, on instructions from the police official, who is present in Court today to assist him, that even petitioner-Atma Singh has joined the investigation. As per paragraph No. 4 of the status report filed in Court today, on 25.07.2023, 34 articles have been taken into police possession from the house of the petitioner-Kamaljit Kaur, apart from the ornaments mentioned in the said paragraph.

[4] It is further submitted that as per the order dated 09.11.2023 passed in CRM-M-25258-2023, filed by Dilbar Singh, son of the petitioner-Kamaljit Kaur and who is the husband of the respondent No. 2-complainant, has joined the investigation though the said petition is

pending for 17.01.2024.

[5] It is further verified that apart from the said FIR, no other criminal case is pending against the petitioners.

[6] Keeping in view the relationship of the petitioner (s) with respondent No. 2-complainant, the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the reasons duly recorded in the order dated 03.08.2023, passed in these petitions, the petitions are allowed and the aforesaid order dated 03.08.2022 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down therein.

[8] Pending miscellaneous application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

November 24, 2023

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(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)

JUDGE

Whether Speaking

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No