

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

203-I

Criminal Misc. No. M-25637 of 2022

Date of decision :-14.09.2023

Manik Krishan

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Surjeet Singh Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaswinder Singh Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abhimanyu Kalsy, Advocate
For the complainant/respondent No.4.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0093 dated 12.5.2022, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Women Cell, Ludhiana (Annexure P-7).

On 06.06.2022, this Court had passed the following order

:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0093 dated 12th May, 2022, registered under Sections 406/498A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Women Cell, Ludhiana, petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail.

The present petition has arisen out of the matrimonial discord between the parties Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Abhimanyu Kalsy Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 and filed his Power of Attorney, today in Court. The same is taken on record.

Counsels are ad idem that there is a possibility the parties may arrive at an amicable settlement and are ready to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre at District & Sessions Court, Ludhiana.

Accordingly, the parties are directed to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre at District & Sessions Court, Ludhiana on 5th of July, 2022.

Mediation Centre is directed to furnish its report w.r.t. settlement between the parties, on or before 16' August, 2022.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the conditions enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr. P.C.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Roop Singh states that in terms of the order passed by this Court, reproduced above and order dated 16.8.2022, whereby the petitioner was directed to rejoin the investigation, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation is required at this stage.

In view of the above, the order dated 06.06.2022 granting interim bail 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.

September 14, 2023

Vijay Asija

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No