

2023:PHHC:081947

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

CRM-M-29790 of 2023

Date of Decision: June 12, 2023

Piyush ...**Petitioner**
Versus
State of Punjab ...**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Tiwana, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Tarunveer Vashisht, Advocate for the complainant.

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DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

Petitioner is accused in case FIR No.04 dated 22.01.2023 registered under Section 406/498-A IPC at Police Station Women, Patiala, which is still under investigation.

Petitioner has prayed for granting him permission to visit abroad i.e. Gabon Country in Africa on official visit w.e.f. 15.06.2023 to 30.06.2023, regarding his official work with Ernst and Young LLP Company.

Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the petition submitting that the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre but petitioner refused to agree to any terms.

Visiting the foreign country is a fundamental right. It is only a matrimonial dispute between petitioner and his wife and for that reason, right of the petitioner cannot be curtailed to visit abroad. However, contention of the State Counsel that some strict condition(s) should

be imposed upon the petitioner is quite reasonable. As such, petitioner is granted permission to visit abroad w.e.f. 15.06.2023 to 30.06.2023 on his furnishing security bond in the sum of ₹5 lacs in the form of FDR in the name of the petitioner. The FDR of ₹5 lacs be deposited with the Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned. On his coming back to India on 30.06.2023, the FDR shall be liable to be returned to him. In case, he does not come back upto 30.06.2023, the amount of security shall be liable to be forfeited.

Disposed of.

June 12, 2023

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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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