

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

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**CRM-M No. 33478 of 2022
Date of Decision : 29.5.2023**

*Ashish Godara**..... Petitioner**versus**State of Haryana and another**..... Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. S.K. Jindal, Advocate, for the petitioner

Ms. Ankita Ahuja, AAG, Haryana

Mr. Vaibhav Sharma, Advocate, for respondent no.2/
complainant

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J. (ORAL):

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ravi Kant, submits that pursuant to the order dated 1.8.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and is no longer required for the purpose. The alleged articles of dowry recovered from the petitioner were not accepted by the complainant herself.

2. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner on the ground that nothing has been recovered from him so far, even the cash amount of Rs.11.5 lakhs stated to have been given to him in one of the marriage functions has not been recovered.

3. Recovery of disputed articles of dowry or cash or gold cannot be a ground to deny bail to the petitioner. The entrustment of alleged

articles of dowry itself is a matter of trial.

4. In view thereof, the petition is allowed. Interim order dated 1.8.2022, passed by this Court, is made absolute.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

29.5.2023
Ashwani

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