

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

Sr. No.207

**CRM No.M-38735 of 2021
Date of Decision: 20.02.2023**

Rajat Mongia

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Ravish Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Pranshul Dhull, Advocate for the complainant.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Meet Ram, submits that pursuant to the order passed by this Court, dated 17.10.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation but certain dowry articles are still to be recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner by referring to Annexure P-2, memo of deposit/recovery of *istridhan*, dated 16.08.2021, states that alleged articles of dowry including cash of Rs.51,000/- stand already recovered from the petitioner as well as his family members.

Pending recovery of alleged articles of dowry cannot be a ground to deny pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. It is yet to be ascertained during trial as to whether alleged articles were actually given as dowry in the marriage.

In view thereof, the present petition is allowed. Interim order dated 17.10.2022, passed by this Court, is made absolute.

**(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE**

20.02.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No