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

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Date of Decision:-25.05.2023

Ankit Chopra

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Tribhawan Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 184 dated 03.08.2022, under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Jamalpur, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

2. Vide order dated 15.12.2022, the parties were relegated to the Mediation Centre, who has reported that the respondent-wife has not come present on five occasions out of six, although the matter was referred after interaction with both the parties. The respondent-wife has also received a

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sum of Rs. 25,000/- towards litigation expenses but has failed to join the Mediation to explore an amicable solution.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation as directed vide order dated 06.09.2022.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Dilbag Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

5. In view of above, the petition is allowed. The order dated 06.09.2022, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

May 25, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No