

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

**CRM-M No.41739 of 2022
Date of Decision: 17.07.2023**

Gautam Luthra @ Gautam

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & Anr.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab,
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Tanvir Singh Attariwala, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of the instant petition, the petitioner has sought the relief of pre-arrest/anticipatory bail in the criminal case arisen out of FIR No.107 dated 21.07.2022 registered at Police Station Jodhewal, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC.

2. It is worth-while to mention here that vide the order dated 15.12.2022, the Co-ordinate Bench had extended the relief of interim bail to the petitioner while directing him to join in the investigation.

3. On 12.04.2023, learned State counsel apprised the Court that though, some of the dowry articles had been recovered but the remaining

articles were still to be recovered and then, on the request of learned counsel for the petitioner for grant of some time to consult the petitioner regarding the afore-mentioned remaining dowry articles, the case had been adjourned to 15.05.2023.

4. On 15.05.2023, learned State counsel informed the Court that the petitioner had yet to join in the investigation but learned counsel for the petitioner sought one more opportunity for his client for returning the gold ornaments and accordingly, the case was adjourned for today for the above-said purpose.

5. Today, learned State counsel, on the instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh from the afore-referred Police Station, apprises the Court that the petitioner has again not joined in the investigation and thus, the gold dowry articles are still to be recovered from him.

6. In view the above-discussed facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner does not deserve the relief of anticipatory/pre-arrest bail. Resultantly, the petition in hand stands dismissed accordingly.

17th July, 2023
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>No</i>