

202 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-42620-2022
Date of Decision: 12.09.2023

PARAS GROVER

... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG Punjab.
Mr. Rishab Garg, Advocate for
Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No. 181 dated 03.08.2022 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC registered at Police Station Haibowal, Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.
2. On 19.09.2022, following order was passed by the Co-ordinate Bench:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter-alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case on account of matrimonial discord between the petitioner; the allegations of demand of dowry and misappropriation of istridhan are false and in any case vague; the petitioner is ready to return all admitted articles of dowry/ istridhan; the allegations of beatings by the petitioner as also of having been contracted second marriage are not backed by any evidence; co-accused who are the parents of the petitioner have been granted ad interim anticipatory bail by the Trial Court and that the petitioner is also ready and willing to join and cooperate with the investigation as and when called by the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navneet Singh, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

For arguments, adjourned to 16.01.2023.

In the meanwhile subject to the petitioner's joining investigation as and when called by the investigating agency as also abiding by the other conditions provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C, in the event of his arrest in FIR No.181, dated 03.08.2022, registered under Sections 406,

498-A IPC at Police Station Haibowal, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, he shall be released on ad interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer ”

3. During the course of pendency of the proceedings, the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Center of this Court. An amicable settlement has been effected between the parties. As per the terms and conditions of the settlement, the petitioner has got prepared an FDR in the sum of Rs.5 Lakh in the name of the minor daughter with respondent No.2 as guardian/nominee.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the relevant documents with regard to the FDR has been passed on to learned counsel for respondent No.2. Furthermore, in pursuance of the interim directions, the petitioner has joined the investigation.
5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Mandeep Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
6. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has also not disputed the aforesaid factual aspects and submits that in pursuance of the amicable settlement, an FDR in the sum of Rs.5 Lakh in the name of the minor daughter with respondent No.2 as Guardian/Nominee has been prepared and particulars thereof have been handed over to him.
7. Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 19.09.2022 is made absolute.

12.09.2023

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**(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE**

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