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AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-47978-2023**  
**Date of decision: 11.12.2023**

**MANJEET SINGH**

**...PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR.**

**...RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

Present: Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab.

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**VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)**

1. On 22.09.2023, the following order was passed:-

*“1. Present petition is under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.76 dated 24.08.2023 registered under Sections 406/498-A/120-B IPC at Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar.*

*2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the marriage of the petitioner was solemnized on 21.11.2021 and a daughter has been born from the wedlock. During the course of enquiry, the allegations with regard to demand of dowry could not be substantiated. Primarily, the allegations against the petitioner are to the effect that he along with other family members were not happy with the birth of the daughter. In fact, the matrimonial dispute had also cropped up prior to the birth of the child and was amicably settled in terms of compromise dated 26.08.2022 (Annexure P-3). The photographs indicate that the petitioner was happy and contended with the birth of the female child. The petitioner has also instituted a petition under Section 9 of Hindu Marriage Act for restitution of conjugal rights prior to the registration of the present FIR. Furthermore, the petitioner is ready and willing to amicably settle the dispute through mediation.*

*3. Notice of motion.*

*4. Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.*

*5. The parties are directed to appear before the*

*Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 06.10.2023.*

*6. To await the report, list on 11.12.2023.*

*7. However, the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.30,000/- to the complainant on her appearance before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to facilitate her presence and participation during the course of mediation proceedings.*

*8. Meanwhile, it is directed that in the event of arrest, the petitioner be admitted on interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer subject to the condition that he joins the investigation and comply with other conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”*

2. As per the report received from the Mediator, despite best efforts, the parties could not arrive at an amicable settlement.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined the investigation in pursuance of interim directions.

4. On instructions from ASI Naresh Kumar, learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspects and also submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. In view of the aforesaid submissions, the order dated 22.09.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

6. The petition is allowed.

11.12.2023

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(VIVEK PURI)  
JUDGE

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