

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

(103)

CRM-M-45-2023.

Date of Decision:-05.01.2023.

MalkitSingh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Satish Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

The present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who is the father-in-law of the complainant.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the entire story set up by the complainant is false and in fact the petitioner had disowned his son and daughter-in-law, qua which a public notice was also issued on 14.04.2020. He further submits that even in the previous complaint, where a settlement had been arrived, all the dowry articles alleged by the complainant were duly offered to be returned but since the same were lying in the matrimonial house, it was decided that the petitioner shall hand over the articles to the husband of the complainant. Although, Annexure P-3 is not dated and has no legal validity, hence, it cannot be considered.

As regards the averments that the petitioner had already disowned his son and daughter-in-law on 14.04.2020, the same also seems to be a calculated action of the petitioner, for there was no reason for a

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father, who had got married his son in January, 2020 to have issued such kind of a public notice. The said public notice has been got issued in a Newspaper “The Pioneer”, which does not have much circulation in the area of Zirakpur. The FIR categorically records the inappropriate action of the petitioner where specific allegations of attempt to commit rape have been levelled by the daughter-in-law besides treating her with cruelty. Another aspect of the matter is that in case the version of the petitioner with regard to he disowning his son and daughter-in-law was there, then there was no occasion for him to be a signatory to the alleged compromise (Annexure P-3).

After considering the entire matter and the FIR, there are serious allegations and it is not an easy thing for a daughter-in-law to level the same against the father-in-law. The relief of anticipatory bail is to be applied with caution and the petitioner is not found entitled to the said concession.

Finding no merit, the present petition is dismissed.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

January 05, 2023.

Sandeep

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether Reportable:- Yes/No