

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-4087-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.04.2024

MANPREET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present:- None for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN , J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.213 dated 26.09.2023 registered under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC at Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.
2. Perusal of the paper-book reflects that the FIR was registered at the instance of the complainant-respondent No.2 on account of a matrimonial dispute between the parties.
3. On 25.01.2024, Coordinate Bench of this Court passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations regarding demand of dowry are vague, unspecific and uncertain and have been levelled only with a view to harass and pressurize the petitioner and his family members. He submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation.

Notice of motion for 22.04.2024.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting/ Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions provided under Section 438(2) CrPC. The petitioner is also directed to join the investigation and cooperate with the Investigating Agency, as and when required.”

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State on instructions from ASI Jujhar Singh confirms that the petitioner has joined the investigation. She has informed that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.
5. Keeping in view the reasons recorded in the order dated 25.01.2024 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation; his custodial interrogation is not required by the Investigating Agency, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 25.01.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
6. Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.
7. All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)

JUDGE

22.04.2024

P.Bhatt	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
	Whether reportable	Yes/No