

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(206)

CRM-M-6133 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.01.2024

Jatinder SinghPetitioners
Versus
State of PunjabRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. SPS Chahal, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Barjesh K. Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.(ORAL)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for anticipatory bail in FIR No.0099 dated 09.12.2022 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Maloud, District Khanna.
2. The matter was also referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court as per order dated 27.03.2023 but as per report received from the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, no settlement could take place.
3. *Inter alia* contends that petitioner has joined the investigation in pursuance to the order dated 27.03.2023 and subsequent order dated 02.08.2023. The FIR was registered due to a matrimonial dispute between the petitioner and the daughter of complainant.
4. Learned State counsel has verified the fact on instructions from HC Baljinder Singh that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 25.10.2023.

5. The counsel appearing for the complainant contends that the recovery of gold articles and motorcycle have not been effected. However, he has admitted this fact that the daughter of the complainant is now receiving a sum of Rs.12,000/- as maintenance directly from the Armed Forces where the petitioner is posted as a Lance Naik.

6. The allegations regarding demand of dowry and the entrustment of dowry article to the petitioner is a matter of trial. Petitioner has joined the investigation and as per State counsel, he is no more required for custodial interrogation. The petitioner is working in the Armed Forces and there are no chances of his absconding during the course of trial. As such, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 27.03.2023 and subsequent order dated 02.08.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner are made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

09.01.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No