

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-8432-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.04.2024

Ankush Singla ...Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchi Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Karnail Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 15, dated 16.01.2020, under Sections 498-A, 406 and 34 of IPC at Police Station City Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
2. Brief facts relevant for the purpose of disposal of the present petition are that the aforementioned FIR was registered on 16.01.2020 on the basis of a written complaint filed by the complainant Nancy Singla alleging therein that she got married with the petitioner on 01.02.2017. Huge amount of money was spent by the parents of the complainant and several gold and silver ornaments including cash amount were given to the petitioner and his family members. The petitioner had also raised demand of furniture, LCD TV and other household articles, which were entrusted to them at the time of

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marriage and they had promised to hand over the same to the complainant. She alleged that soon after the marriage, the petitioner and his family members started harassing the complainant on account of bringing insufficient dowry and also raised demands of dowry. She was mentally and physically harassed by them on account of their demands. They raised demand of an Innova Crysta car and when the complainant expressed inability to meet with this demand, she was extended beatings by them. *Biradari Panchayat* was called but the petitioner and his family members did not mend their behaviour. They misappropriated all the *istridhan* belonging to the complainant and converted the same to their own use and threw the complainant out of her matrimonial house. On these allegations, the aforementioned FIR has been registered. Investigation is under way.

3. Vide order dated 02.04.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation. On that date, a copy of order dated 11.03.2024 passed in ***CRM-M-12384-2024***, titled as ***Ankush Singla and others vs. State of Punjab and another*** had also been placed on record by learned counsel for the petitioner showing that the matter had been compromised between the parties and the said petition for quashing of FIR on the basis of the compromise has also been filed before this Court, which is pending.

4. Learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner has again joined investigation on 27.04.2024 and his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant has also confirmed the factum of a compromise having been arrived at between the parties and has

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submitted that the complainant has no objection if the present petition is allowed.

4. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 02.04.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

29.04.2024

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Waseem Ansari

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