



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15576-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.05.2024

GURMEET SINGH
STATE OF PUNJAB

....Petitioner
VERSUS
....Respondent

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Sandeep Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Satjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C.
seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
0003	23.01.2024	Police Station Women, District Patiala	406 and 498-A of IPC

2. Vide order dated 22.03.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 22.03.2024 reads as under:-

“This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0003 dated 23.01.2024, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of IPC at Police Station Women, District Patiala.

Brief facts relevant for the purpose of disposal of the present petition are that the aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a written complaint filed by complainant Harpreet Kaur alleging therein that she was married with the petitioner on 09.10.2016 as per Sikh rites and rituals. Her parents had spent more than their capacity on the marriage, besides giving sufficient dowry articles as per demands of the accused



persons. However, after some time of the marriage, the members of her in-laws family started taunting her for bringing insufficient dowry. She was also extended beatings by the accused. On 06.12.2017, she was even administered some poisonous substance by the accused, due to which, she was admitted to hospital. She alleged that she was extended beatings by the accused on several occasions. Due to the cruelty and harassment caused by her husband and his family member, the complainant ultimately left her matrimonial home and started living at her parental home along with her children. She prayed for taking action against the culprits. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings have been initiated and the same are going on. The petitioner had filed an application for grant of anticipatory bail before the Sessions Judge, Patiala but the same had been dismissed, vide order dated 20.03.2024. Hence, he has filed the present petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. Vague and general allegations have been levelled against the petitioner and his family members. In fact, the complainant herself is a very short tempered and quarrelsome lady. She used to be under the influence of her parents and brother and never took interest in her matrimonial life. It is further submitted that earlier the matter was compromised between the parties but later on, the complainant has backed out from the same. Hence, he has urged that the petitioner deserves to be granted benefit of pre-arrest bail.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ruchika Sabheral, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file the status report.

List again on 14.05.2024.



In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within ten days from today or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on ad-interim bail subject to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel states that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 23.03.2024 and some gold ornaments, furniture and motorcycle have been got recovered from the petitioner. Further, he is not required for custodial interrogation. In view of the said facts but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 22.03.2024 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.

14.05.2024
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable | Yes/No |