



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

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**CRM-M No.16048 of 2024
Date of decision: 24.05.2024**

SATINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr.Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

Ms. Isha Goyal, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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. 11, dated 06.03.2024, under Sections 498-A, 406, 315 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Women, District Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. Vide order dated 03.04.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 03.04.2024, passed by this Court, reads as under:

“The petitioners are seeking pre arrest bail in case arising out of FIR No. 11 dated 06.03.2024 under Sections 498-A, 406, 315, 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station Women, District Commissionerate Amritsar on the basis of complaint filed by respondent no.2 making allegations of her being subjected to



cruelty on account of demand of dowry by her husband and the present petitioners' who are her parents-in-law in connivance with the petitioner and also allegations that they have criminally misappropriated her dowry article.

Notice of motion.

Learned State counsel who has advance notice of this petition seeks some time to file status report.

Notice to respondent no.2 be also issued for the same date.

At this stage, vakalatnama on behalf of respondent no.2 has been filed.

*Learned counsel are **ad idem** that there may be a chance of an amicable settlement between the parties. The matter may be referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre.*

*In view of above, the parties are directed to appear in person before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on **18.04.2024**.*

The petitioners shall also make a demand draft of Rs.5000/- in the name of the complainant/respondent no.2 on her appearance before the Mediator on that date as travel expenses.

*Report is awaited for **20.05.2024**.*

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within one week or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioners on interim bail on furnishing



personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C..”

3. On request of learned counsel for the parties that the matter may be referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court for amicable resolution of their dispute, vide order dated 22.05.2024, the matter was referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.
4. Report has been received from the Mediator that the parties have settled their dispute by way of amicable settlement/agreement. Original agreement/settlement has also been annexed with the report.
5. Status report dated 20.05.2024 filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.
6. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has submitted that respondent No.2 has no objection if the benefit of pre-arrest bail is extended to the petitioners. No recovery is yet to be effected from them.
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 03.04.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioners, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

24.05.2027
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No