



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-27358-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.07.2024

RANJIT SINGH RANA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S. Bhinder, Advocate with
Mr. D.S. Bhinder, Advocate and
Mr. S.S. Sekhon, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

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.6 dated 22.04.2024 registered under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC at Police Station Women Cell, District Ludhiana.
2. On 28.05.2024, this Court passed the following order and directed the petitioner to join the investigation:

‘Despite the fact that the paper book is incomplete, Annexure P-6, which is alleged to be a civil suit, is undated and there is no reference in Annexure P-4 (the alleged joint statement), that the testimonials and dowry



articles were returned to the complainant, however, considering the fact that it is a matrimonial dispute, it is in the interest of the parties if the matter is referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to explore the chances of settlement.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Himani Arora, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab and Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Bhinder, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his power of attorney, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the parties are ad idem that the matter may be referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

Accordingly, let the parties appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 30.05.2024.

Adjourned to 22.07.2024 for awaiting report of the Mediator.

Cost of Rs.30,000/- as litigation expenses by way of a demand draft in favour of respondent No.2, be deposited by the petitioner in the Registry of this Court, within a period of two weeks from today, which shall be handed over to respondent No.2 by the learned Mediator, when she appears before him.

The complainant namely Manpreet Kaur is not party to the present petition. Let she be impleaded as respondent No.2 in the present case and amended memo of parties be filed.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within a period of ten days and in the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail, to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Area Magistrate, subject to furnishing bonds/surety.'

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh has informed that the petitioner had joined the investigation and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Learned State counsel has further informed that recovery of some articles has also been effected through recovery memo dated 06.06.2024. Copy of the said recovery memo, in vernacular, is submitted in the Court today, which is taken on record. As per the said recovery memo, 8 gold articles including total 30 articles have been recovered during the investigation.

Learned State counsel contends that complete recovery has not been effected.



4. Keeping in view the reasons recorded in the order dated 28.05.2024 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and the allegations *inter se* the petitioner and complainant are matter of trial, the relief cannot be declined to the petitioner merely on the ground of non-recovery of complete dowry articles. As such, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 28.05.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

5. Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

6. All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

22.07.2024
P.Bhatt

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