

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-28553-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.08.2024

PRITPAL SINGH SIDHU

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Dhillon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

1. The instant first petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.38 dated 02.02.2024, under Sections 498-A, 406, 120-B IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran (Annexure P-1).

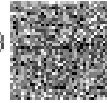
2. On 30.05.2024, following order was passed:-

“The instant first petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.38 dated 02.02.2024, under Sections 498-A, 406, 120-B IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran (Annexure P-1).

Keeping in view the fact and circumstances of the present case, in the opinion of this Court, it is a fit case for making a reference to mediation.

Notice of motion for mediation process, at this stage.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Himani Arora, A.A.G., Punjab,



Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

Notice to respondent No.2 to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 02.07.2024 be issued.

The petitioner is also directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on or before 02.07.2024.

Adjourned to 20.08.2024 for awaiting the report of the Mediator.

Costs of Rs.40,000/- 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.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner may join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail, to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Area Magistrate, subject to furnishing bonds/surety, and also subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) That the petitioner shall further make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.
- (ii) That the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.
- (iii) That the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Trial Court/CJM concerned.”

3. The petitioner was granted interim bail vide order dated 30.05.2024 and the matter was also referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

4. As per the report of the Mediator, the parties have settled their dispute and settlement agreement has been executed and duly signed by the parties.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kulwinder Kaur has informed that the petitioner has joined investigation in compliance of the order dated 30.05.2024 passed by this Court.

6. Keeping in view the reasons recorded in the order dated 30.05.2024 and also keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined the

investigation and the parties have settled their dispute before the Mediation Centre of this Court, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 30.05.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

7. However, it is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

20.08.2024
P.Bhatt

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