

2024:PHHC:022537
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-M-38497-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.02.2024**

VIPUL BEHAL

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Ashok, Advocate for
Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. G.B.S. Bal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.0070 dated 15.07.2021 registered under Sections 406, 498-A of the IPC at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana.
2. As per the order dated 17.02.2022 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court, the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court for exploring the possibility of amicable settlement between the parties.
3. As per the report of the Mediator of Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, the settlement agreement dated 20.03.2023 has been executed between both the parties.
4. The petitioner is husband of the complainant-respondent No.2 against

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whom the present FIR was registered with the allegations of cruelty and misappropriation of dowry articles, which are alleged to have been stated during the mediation process.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is directed to join the investigation within 7 days subject to 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.

**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE**

16.02.2024
P.Bhatt

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