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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 03.09.2024

VIDHAN BHARAT RAJ ANAND

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Kirat Pal Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.
None for the complainant.

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SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 51 dated 27.06.2024 registered for offences punishable under Section 498-A IPC at Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

2. On 05.08.2024, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No. 51 dated 27.06.2024 registered for offences punishable under Section 498-A IPC at Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of BNSS seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that genesis of the FIR in question is the matrimonial discord between the petitioner and the complainant wife; the petitioner is willing to enter into an amicable settlement & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Ms. Amarjot Kaur, Advocate has filed memo of appearance for the complainant. The same be taken on record.

Adjourned to 03.09.2024.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 09.08.2024 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the



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petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide the condition(s) enumerated by under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jaswant Singh, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 05.08.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
4. In view of above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 05.08.2024 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.
5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be interpreted as granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
8. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed off.

03.09.2024

Jasmine Kaur

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes No

Whether reportable Yes No