

CRM-M-43992-2024
Date of decision: 16.10.2024

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER
...RESPONDENTS

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that perusal of the FIR (supra) clearly indicates that no date or time has been specified with regard to subjecting complainant-respondent No.2 to harassment on account of demand of dowry and only general and omnibus allegations are there. The petitioner is willing to rehabilitate his wife. The FIR (supra) has been lodged out of personal vendetta and private spite to wreak vengeance on the petitioner. All the allegations levelled against the



petitioner are implausible and farfetched. Moreover, the maximum sentence provided for the offences, under which the FIR (supra) is registered, is upto 03 years. Even no notice under Section 41-A of Cr.P.C. was served upon the petitioner. As such, he is entitled to anticipatory bail in view of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Md. Asfak Alam Vs. State of Jharkhand and another, 2023 (3) RCR (Criminal) 754. It is further contended that there is no possibility of the petitioner fleeing from justice and pre-trial detention would cause irreparable loss, mental agony, embarrassment and humiliation to the petitioner as well his entire family.

Notice of motion for 16.10.2024.

Keeping in view the ratio of law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCC 273, Arnab Manoranjan Goswami Vs. State of Maharashtra, (2021) 2 SCC 427, Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI, (2022) 10 SCC 51, Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and ors., 2010 SCC OnLine SC 1375 and Shri Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia Vs. State of Punjab, (1980) 2 SCC 565, the petitioner is directed to appear before Investigating Officer within a period of two weeks from today and thereafter, as directed by the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of investigating/arresting officer and the petitioner shall co-operate in the investigation.

If the arresting officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the learned Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the arresting officer and direct him to join the petitioner in the investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion by this Court and the trial Court shall decide the same on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law."

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhwant Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 06.09.2024 passed by this Court, the



petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the statement made by learned State Counsel, the order dated 06.09.2024, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 482 (2) BNSS.

5. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

6. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of opinion by this Court lest it may prejudice the trial. The learned trial Court is directed to proceed with the trial on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.

October 16, 2024
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |