

212/1 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-49524-2023 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION : 08.04.2024

HARPREET KAUR

... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. N.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.
Mr. Gurpreet Jayia, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

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.53 dated 10.08.2023 under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Bathinda, Punjab.

2. On 05.10.2023 following order was passed:

“xxxx Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is the mother-in-law of the complainant and she wishes to settle all her disputes with the complainant. The learned counsel would further contend that though the allegations of beatings have been made, however, FIR has only been registered under Section 498A IPC.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State of Punjab. Let notice be issued to respondent No.2 returnable 08.12.2023.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when called for. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing personal bonds with adequate surety to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the terms and conditions as specified in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is the mother-in-law of the complainant and she has joined the investigation in compliance of the order passed by this Court and thereafter, in compliance of the order dated 08.12.2023, the matter stands settled in the Mediation and Conciliation Center of this Court.

4. As per the report of the Mediation and Conciliation Center, the parties have settled the dispute.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State, on instructions from HC Seema Rani, has also confirmed that the petitioner has joined investigation in compliance of the order of this Court dated 05.10.2023.

6. In view of the reasons recorded in the order dated 05.10.2023 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, her custodial interrogation is not required by the Investigating Agency, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 05.10.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

08.04.2024

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(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No