

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-53007-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.12.2024

PRITHIPAL SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

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

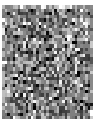
Present: Mr. T.S. Attariwala, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Malkit Singh Dhillon, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

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.98 dated 22.09.2023 under Sections 498-A, 406, 292 IPC and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 registered at Police Station Sadar Gurdaspur, Punjab.
2. The petitioner was directed to join the investigation, as per the order dated 30.10.2023 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court.
3. As per the report of the Mediator, Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, the parties could not arrive at an amicable settlement.
4. As per the office report, costs of Rs.30,000/- as litigation expenses by way of demand draft has been handed over to the complainant by the Mediator.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that co-accused of the petitioner namely Raj Rani has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 13.05.2024 passed in CRM-M-51759-2023. Copy of the said order is submitted in the Court today, which is taken on record.
6. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State confirms that the petitioner has joined investigation and also contends that his further custodial interrogation is not required.
7. The allegations against the petitioner are matter of trial.
8. In view of the reasons recorded in the order dated 30.10.2023 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, his further custodial interrogation is not required by the Investigating Agency, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 30.10.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
9. However, it is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.
10. Liberty is reserved in favour of the State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of the order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C., or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
11. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

05.12.2024

P.Bhatt

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No