

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-54514-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.11.2024

JUGRAJ SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

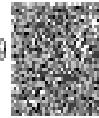
Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.107 dated 07.10.2023, under Sections 498-A, 406, 323, 120-B IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Sadar Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.
2. On 07.12.2023, this Court passed the following order and directed the petitioner to join the investigation:

'Keeping in view the facts, there appears to be chances of settlement, as such, the matter is referred to the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court. Both the parties are directed to appear on 15.01.2024 before the Mediation Centre of this Court



subject to payment of Rs.10,000/- as litigation expenses by the petitioner-Jugraj Singh to respondent No.2. The demand draft in favour of respondent No.2 be deposited by the petitioner in the Registry of this Court, within a period of two weeks from today, which shall be handed over to respondent No.2-complainant when she appears for mediation proceedings.

Adjourned to 11.04.2024 for awaiting report of the Mediator.

In the meantime, petitioner-Jugraj Singh shall also join the investigation within three weeks and in that event he shall be released on interim bail, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Illaq Magistrate. He shall also comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. However, in case, the aforesaid conditions are not fulfilled the interim order qua Jugraj Singh-petitioner shall stand vacated.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file(s) of the other connected case(s).'

3. Vide orders dated 27.10.2023, 07.12.2023 and 21.05.2024, the parties were directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court for exploring the possibility of amicable settlement *inter se* the parties.

4. As per the report of the Mediator, Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, the parties have settled their dispute by way of executing settlement/agreement deed dated 23.07.2024.

5. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that the terms and conditions recorded in the settlement/agreement deed dated 23.07.2024 executed before the Mediator are acceptable to both the parties.

6. Learned State counsel has informed that the petitioner has joined the investigation in terms of the order dated 07.12.2023 passed by this Court and his custodial interrogation is not required.

7. I have heard the aforesaid submissions and perused the relevant documents.

8. In view of the aforesaid facts and the reasons recorded in the order dated 07.12.2023, the present petition is allowed and the order dated



07.12.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

9. It is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

10. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

12.11.2024

P.Bhatt	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
	Whether reportable	Yes/No