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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20545-2023
Date of decision: 03.02.2025

ABHISHEK GARG

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. G. S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

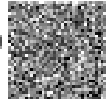
Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. M. S. Virk, Advocate
for the complainant.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.14 dated 06.02.2023, under Sections 498-A of the IPC, registered at Police Station Longowal, District Sangrur, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that although earlier the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre, Sangrur for mediation but the same failed and thereafter, the parties were also directed to appear before the Counsellors of the High Court Legal Services Committee for counselling but the same could not be fruitful for the



purpose of reconciliation. She further submitted that in pursuance of the order passed by this Court on 12.03.2024, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and he has fully cooperated with the investigation process and therefore, the aforesaid order may be made absolute.

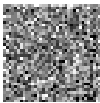
3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner further submitted that the present FIR is registered under Section 498-A of the IPC only and not under Section 406 of the IPC and even otherwise also, all the dowry articles have been returned to the complainant-wife. She referred to the order passed by this Court on 05.12.2024, wherein it has been stated that the petitioner has already given a demand draft of Rs.50,000/- to the complainant-wife.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has stated on instructions from ASI Jaan Pal that in pursuance of the order passed by this Court on 12.03.2024, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and he is fully cooperating with the investigation process and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant submitted that so far as the aforesaid amount of Rs.50,000/- is concerned, the complainant-wife has already received the aforesaid amount by way of a demand draft. He further submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and therefore, he may not be granted the concession of anticipatory bail.

6. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

7. The present FIR is registered under Section 498-A of the IPC and as per the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the learned



State counsel, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and he has fully cooperated with the investigation process and the learned State counsel has stated on specific instructions that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation.

8. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 12.03.2024, is hereby made absolute.

03.02.2025
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No