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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of decision: 19.05.2025

SANJEEV KUMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Ms. Ekta Thakur, Advocate with
Ms. Aditi Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner has filed present petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.45, dated 07.06.2024 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 406 and 498-A of IPC, registered at Police Station Women, Jalandhar.

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Payal filed written complaint against her husband Sanjeev Kumar and other members of in-laws family, alleging that her marriage was performed with Sanjeev Kumar on 23.04.2022 at Hotel Skylark, Jalandhar. Prior to this, other ceremonies took place. The complainant has given details of dowry articles and other gifts given to her husband and in-laws family. After marriage, she was not permitted to use her dowry articles. After marriage, there was change in the behaviour and attitude of her husband. The entire family started complaining that marriage was not performed as per their status. She was told time and again that she did not bring anything in marriage.



The complainant has narrated various incidents which took place from time to time. There was demand for cash of Rs.10 lacs along with a car and Bullet motorcycle. Her parents took her back to Jalandhar. She was harassed and humiliated by the accused by sending messages on Whatsapp, Instagram and Facebook. The complainant noticed that there was not even a single post or status depicting their marriage. After three months she went to Amritsar to meet her husband on his Birthday on 28.07.2022. She went to Bank of Baroda Kennedy Avenue Branch to meet him and from there she came to know that her husband lied to her regarding his profession and place of employment. The accused No.1 misbehaved with her and forcibly took her to house and developed forcible relations with her. She was beaten up and threatened to kill her. She again came back to her parental house. Nobody came to take her back to her matrimonial home. She tried to call accused No.1 on phone but did not answer her calls. The complainant suffered medical problem and remained under treatment. Nobody came to see her. Her in-laws insisted on their demand for a car and cash of Rs.10 lacs. A Panchayat was convened to rehabilitate her. The accused refused to return her *Ishtnidhan*. Finally, the matter was reported to the police.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that he was granted interim bail vide order dated 31.07.2024 and he has already joined the investigation. All dowry articles were recovered except gold ring and an almirah, regarding which he has given a demand draft of Rs.43,644/-. Petitioner is still ready to join the investigation as and when required.

4. Bail application has been opposed. It is confirmed that petitioner has joined the investigation. Earlier the dowry articles were

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recovered partially and now as per supplementary status report, petitioner again joined the investigation and handed over demand draft dated 19.02.2025 drawn on Bank of Baroda to the tune of Rs.43,644/-. It is confirmed that petitioner is not required for further investigation.

5. I have considered the aforesaid factual position. Admittedly, petitioner has joined the investigation. Dowry articles are recovered as referred above. Petitioner is still ready to join the investigation as and when required. In such like situation, no purpose would be served by sending the petitioner behind the bars. Therefore, at this stage, without expressing my mind on the merits of the case, interim bail already granted by the Coordinate Bench on 31.07.2024 is confirmed subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) of Cr.P.C..

6. Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

19.05.2025
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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No