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

Sr. No.207

**CRM-M-55122-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision : 07.04.2025**

Channpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. G.P.S Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. G.S. Madaan, Advocate, for complainant.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. Apprehending arrest, in case FIR No.0072 dated 19.09.2024, under Sections 406 & 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Women, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, Punjab, the petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS, 2023) for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. After considering the submissions so made, this Court while issuing notice of motion passed the following order on 06.11.2024:-

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that compromise has been arrived at between the parties and settlement deed dated 23.07.2024, has been executed between them. Some articles were also exchanged and were kept in the custody of the common man. However, the joint petition for divorce with mutual consent could not be filed due to rest of the formalities and payment of the maintenance.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner would deposit a demand draft amounting to

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Rs.20,00,000/- in the name of the Registrar General of this Court within a period of 15 days from today.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks a short accommodation to assist the Court.

Mr. G.S. Madaan, Advocate and Mr. Abhishek Batta, Advocate accept notice and filed vakalatnama on behalf of the complainant which is taken on record.

Adjourned to 10.12.2024.

In the meantime, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner.

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 16.12.2024, interim order dated 06.11.2024 was vacated, since the petitioner failed to comply with his undertaking and did not deposit the demand draft of Rs.20,00,000/-. On 17.01.2025, it was submitted before this Court that to show his *bona fide*, the petitioner is ready to hand over a draft of Rs.5,00,000/- to the complainant in the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court, and thus, on the request made in this regard, parties were directed to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement. As per the report dated 13.02.2025, received from the Mediation & Conciliation Centre, the matter could not be settled. However, yet again, the petitioner did not adhere to his submission and did not deposit the stipulated amount of Rs.5,00,000/- by way of demand draft, as was undertaken by him. This conduct of the petitioner, of tendering submissions before this Court and thereafter, not complying with the same and wasting the time of this Court by blowing hot & cold, is deprecated.

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4. It is the submissions of the learned State counsel that allegations leveled against the petitioner are serious and specific, and might warrant custodial interrogation. Thus, he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

5. In view of the *prima facie* allegations against the petitioner and given his conduct as discussed hereinabove, this Court is not inclined to grant the discretionary relief to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

07.04.2025

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No