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

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Date of decision: 22.05.2025

RAMAN KUMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Shreya Bublani, Advocate for
Mr. Z.S. Chauhan, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner has filed present petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0066, dated 19.10.2024, under Sections 406 and 498-A of IPC, registered at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar Rural (Annexure P-1).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Palka filed written complaint against her husband Raman Kumar and other members of in-laws family alleging that her marriage was performed with Raman Kumar on 23.02.2019. She has given detail of dowry articles given at the time of marriage including gold ornaments, furniture and other household articles. Her husband and mother-in-law were unhappy with the dowry articles and started abusing her. There was demand for cash of Rs.5 lacs from her parents for sending her husband to Portugal. In order to save her marriage her parents agreed to give her Rs.5 lacs. He along with her husband went



to her village to get the money and thereafter Raman Kumar went abroad. He started consuming drugs in Portugal and came back to India on 25.01.2024. There were regular fights, beating and she was physically and mentally tortured. She was harassed for not giving birth to a child. She was beaten up. Her mobile was also snatched and she was turned out of the house. Her father rescued her and she was medically examined. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that efforts were made for compromise but it could not be materialized. He was granted interim relief. He has already handed over all the dowry articles. He is ready to join the investigation as and when required. Therefore, it is submitted that his anticipatory bail application may be allowed.

4. Bail application is opposed by learned counsel representing State assisted by counsel for complainant. It is pointed out that entire dowry articles are not recovered. Apart from the recovery of dowry articles, the complainant was also beaten up in the matrimonial home. Considering the nature of allegations, he is not entitled to be released on anticipatory bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. The record shows that petitioner joined investigation, as a result, dowry articles detailed in recovery memo are already recovered. Petitioner is still ready to abide by the terms of bail order. No purpose would be served by sending him behind the bars. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail application filed by the petitioner- Raman Kumar is allowed. He shall not be arrested. In case of his arrest, he be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/

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Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioner will join the investigation as and when required. He will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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