

**204 (2 cases)****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****Date of Decision:- 29.01.2026****(1)****CRM-M-16754-2025****Gurnam Singh and another**

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

(2)**CRM-M-16806-2025****Gurdeep Singh**

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. H.P.S. Rakhra, Advocate with
Ms. Gurvinder Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner(s) in both cases.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Sethi, Advocate
for respondent No. 2 in both cases.

**********AMARJOT BHATTI, J.**

1. Both aforementioned petitions have arisen out of same FIR,
therefore, same are taken up together for disposal.



2. Petitioners/in-laws Gurnam Singh and Santosh Kaur have filed second petition (CRM-M-16754-2025), whereas, petitioner/husband Gurnam Singh has filed separate petition (CRM-M-16806-2025) under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 294 dated 07.07.2024 under Section 323, 341 IPC (Section 406, 498-A IPC added lateron) registered at Police Station Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar, Mohali (Annexure P-1 in both cases).

3. As per the facts of case, complainant Asha Saini gave her statement that her marriage was solemnized with Gurdeep Singh on 03.12.2023, according to Sikh rites. Her parents had given dowry as per the demand of her in-laws' family. After some time, her husband and in-laws' family started harassing her for bringing less dowry. They taunted her and used bad words for her. She was beaten up in matrimonial home and was left in her parental house. Her parents requested her in-laws to rehabilitate her and again she was taken back in matrimonial home. On 30.06.2024, at about 09:00 AM, her husband Gurdeep Singh and both in-laws gave her beating and they themselves admitted her in Civil Hospital, Zirakpur and informed her parental family. Her parents came and provided for medical treatment. Mediator Gurdial Singh also supported her in-laws' family. Finally, matter was reported to police.

4. Learned counsel representing petitioners in both cases denied the allegations. It is pointed out that initially, FIR was lodged under Section 323 and 341 IPC and offences under Section 406 and 498-A IPC were added later on. Petitioners Gurnam Singh and Santosh Kaur joined



investigation. Two cheques have been handed over to Investigating Officer, which are standing in the name of complainant. Petitioners have no objection if said cheques are given to complainant. Regarding recovery of other dowry articles, it is alleged that complainant had already taken away all her goods and no article is lying in their house. Petitioners are ready to join investigation as and when required. Therefore, anticipatory bail petitions filed by in-laws (CRM-M-16754-2025) as well as husband (CRM-M-16806-2025) of complainant may be allowed.

5. Detailed status report filed and respondent No. 2 has also filed reply opposing anticipatory bail petitions referred above. It is pointed out that there are specific serious allegations against petitioners for continuous maltreatment to complainant on their demand for more dowry. Only cash amount has been returned, whereas gold ornaments given at the time of engagement and marriage are yet to be recovered. List of gold ornaments tagged with reply is Annexure R-7 in both cases. In status report, it is alleged that matter is still under investigation. Initially, FIR was lodged under Section 323 and 341 IPC and thereafter, offences under Section 406 and 498-A IPC were added. During investigation, record was collected regarding money spent by complainant's family from time to time. Gold ornaments allegedly given at the time of marriage are yet to be recovered. Investigation is incomplete. Therefore, custodial interrogation of petitioners is required.

6. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. In the case in hand, marriage of complainant took place



with Gurdeep Singh on 03.12.2023 and after the occurrence of 30.06.2024, she was turned out of matrimonial home after giving her beatings. There are specific allegations that she was beaten up by her husband and in-laws and thereafter, admitted in Civil Hospital, Zirakpur. Thereafter, her parents gave her treatment and since then she was residing in her parental house. Status report indicates that money was given by complainant's family for booking of Thar vehicle and in this connection, huge amount was transferred in their account. At present, petitioners have handed over two cheques in the name of girl/complainant to Investigating Officer, regarding which petitioners have no objection to hand over the same to complainant. So far as recovery of other dowry articles, it is alleged that complainant had already taken away all her articles. Contents of FIR clearly indicate that complainant was beaten up and was admitted in hospital, therefore, there was no such occasion for complainant to take away all her dowry articles from the matrimonial home. To complete the investigation and to recover the *istridhan*, husband is required to join investigation. **Therefore, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner-husband, namely, Gurdeep Singh bearing CRM-M-16806-2025 is, accordingly dismissed.**

Considering the old age of petitioners/in-laws, namely, Gurnam Singh and Santosh Kaur, taking a lenient view, **their anticipatory bail petition bearing CRM-M-16754-2025 is, accordingly allowed.** They be not arrested. In case of their arrest, they be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioners will join investigation as and when required. They



will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

- 7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, in both cases, stand disposed of accordingly as well.
- 8. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case mentioned above.

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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