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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-59991-2023

Date of Decision:- 21.01.2025

NACHATAR KAUR

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Advocate for
Mr. V.K. Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Rohit Singla, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner has filed instant petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.65 dated 06.10.2023 under Sections 498-A and 406 of IPC registered at Police Station Women, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. As per the facts of the case, complainant Jagraj Singh filed written complaint against his son-in-law Sahilpreet Singh and others for maltreatment to his daughter on account of demand of dowry. It is alleged that his daughter Navdeep Kaur got married with Sahilpreet Singh on 19.02.2022. He had given dowry articles, *shagun* amount and clothes as per the demand of in-laws family of his daughter. Soon after marriage, they started taunting his daughter for bringing less dowry. They started raising

demand for cash of Rs.10 lakhs. On 31.03.2022 his daughter, son-in-law and Taranpreet Singh went to Canada. All her dowry articles were kept by the accused persons. They started raising demand for Rs.10 lakhs to purchase a truck in Canada. His daughter returned to India on 23.08.2022 due to the maltreatment given to her in the matrimonial home. She went back to Canada on 15.11.2022 and again they started ill treating her on account of their earlier demand. She was turned out of the matrimonial home when she was pregnant. On arrival of Canadian police, they noticed marks of beating given to his daughter, as a result Sahilpreet Singh was booked in a case. Later-on, his daughter suffered miscarriage. She faced great difficulty in Canada. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that Nachatar Kaur is the mother-in-law. Both Navdeep Kaur – wife and Sahilpreet Singh – husband are residing in Canada. The alleged maltreatment took place in the said country. Present petitioner is residing in India and she has already joined investigation in pursuance of interim bail granted vide order dated 18.04.2024. Gold ornaments in her possession are already handed over to the police. She is still ready to abide the terms of bail order.

4. Detailed status report has been filed. Learned counsel representing State referred to the order dated 28.11.2024 vide which petitioner was again asked to join the investigation within ten 10 days and thereafter petitioner has not turned up.

5. I have gone through the status report already filed and in para No.13 of the status report it is specifically mentioned that on 24.08.2024 present petitioner came along with her counsel and handed over gold

ornaments which were taken into police possession. It cannot be ignored that both husband and wife are residing in Canada and this FIR has been registered on the complaint of father of the girl. Present petitioner has already joined the investigation. Recovery is also effected and she is still ready to join the investigation as and when required. In light of this, interim bail already granted vide order dated 18.04.2024 stands confirmed subject to the conditions detailed under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

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

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

21.01.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether reportable: Yes/No