



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

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**CRM-M-11952-2024  
Decided on:- 11.03.2025**

**Kartaro Devi**

....Petitioner

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and another**

....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Dhiraj Jindal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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

None for respondent No. 2.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)**

1. Petitioner Kartaro Devi has filed petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 8 dated 01.02.2024 under Section 406, 498-A of IPC registered at Police Station NRI, District SAS Nagar, Mohali (Annexure P-1).

2. Facts of the case are complainant Asha Kumari filed written complaint alleging that her marriage was performed with Raj Kumar son of Mani Ram on 07.12.2020. She gave birth to a daughter on 14.10.2021. After two months of marriage, her husband went to Germany on 14.02.2021. He assured to talk to her on phone everyday. After reaching Germany, his attitude changed and he stopped talking to her on phone nor he returned back from Germany. She approached her mother-in-law and father-in-law to find out some solution but they started fighting with her. She was turned out of the matrimonial home. Her father-in-law expired on



20.12.2022. Her husband returned from Germany for few days. She tried to contact her husband on phone and also approached police. Complainant apprehended that her husband would go back to Germany. Therefore, she prayed that his Passport may be confiscated. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that Kartaro Devi is mother-in-law of complainant, who is 74 years of age. Complainant has main dispute with her husband who is in Germany. Present petitioner has lost her husband. She is ready to join investigation. Arrest of petitioner was stayed by the Coordinate Bench vide order dated 06.03.2024 which continued till date. Now dowry articles are also recovered. It is prayed that her anticipatory bail petition may be allowed.

4. Today nobody has appeared on behalf of respondent No. 2. Status report is already filed confirming the facts stated in FIR. Today, learned counsel representing State has placed on record memo regarding recovery of dowry articles. It is pointed out that at present petitioner is not required for further investigation.

5. Considering the aforesaid factual position, no purpose would be served by sending petitioner behind the bars. She has already joined investigation and cooperated in recovery of dowry articles. Therefore, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner Kartaro Devi is allowed. She be not arrested. In case of her arrest, she be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required. She will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior

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permission as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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

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**(AMARJOT BHATTI)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:  
Whether reportable:

Yes/No  
Yes/No