



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

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CRM-M-5932-2025(O&amp;M)

Date of decision : 22.05.2025

Maninderjeet Singh

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Bhawan Deep Jindal, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Dhiraj Jindal, Advocate for complainant.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)**

1. Petitioner – Maninderjeet Singh filed instant petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.14 dated 26.10.2024, registered under Sections 406, 498-A of IPC, 1860, at Women Police Station, Sangrur.

Mr. Bhawan Deep Jindal, Advocate appeared on behalf of petitioner and filed vakalatnama after taking no objection from earlier counsel, which is taken on record.

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Harpreet Kaur filed written complaint against her husband Maninderjeet Singh and other members of in-laws family for harassment, beating and for misappropriation of her *istridhan*. It is alleged that applicant is working as teacher in Government Senior Secondary School. She got married with accused No.1 on 05.10.2009 according to *Sikh Rites*. Her parents had spent Rs.30/40 Lacs on her marriage. She has given the detail of dowry articles given to her at the time of marriage, consisting of gold



ornaments, clothes, furniture and other household articles. All her dowry articles were under the control of her mother-in-law and sister-in-law. Out of this wedlock, she gave birth to a son who is now 14 years of age. During her entire stay in the matrimonial home, she was illtreated, taunted and even beaten up for bringing less dowry. There was demand for a big car. Her entire salary was taken away by the accused persons. She was not provided money for her own expenses and for the education of her son. She could not complain earlier for the sake of her reputation. During this entire period, she was physically and mentally harassed. Finally, on 19.09.2023, she was beaten up and turned out of the house by keeping her son forcibly with them. Now she is not permitted to meet the child. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

2. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that the allegations levelled against him are false. He is suffering from epilepsy and further tortured due to the behaviour of his wife. He filed petition under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 which is still pending. In counter blast to the said divorce petition, she lodged this FIR with false and frivolous allegations. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that all dowry articles are already handed over to the investigating agency. He has also annexed the photographs (Annexure P-5). He is still ready to join the investigation. Therefore, his anticipatory bail petition may allowed.

3. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State. It is confirmed that petitioner was joined in the investigation on 20.11.2024 and gold ornaments weighing 240 gms. were recovered, duly identified by the complainant. Recovery memo was accordingly prepared. It is pointed out that some more gold



ornaments weighing 11 *tolas* are yet to be recovered. Therefore, present petitioner did not fully cooperate with the investigating agency.

4. I have considered the aforesaid arguments and have gone through the record carefully. In the case in hand, petitioner was granted interim relief during the pendency of present anticipatory bail petition. Matter was also referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court but it could not be settled. The contents of status report indicate that petitioner cooperated with the investigating agency, as a result, 240 gms. of gold jewellery has been recovered. It is the case of complainant along with learned counsel representing State that further gold jewellery weighing 11 *tolas* are yet to be recovered. Substantial recovery has been effected. It is matter of trial regarding giving of other gold ornaments weighing 11 *tolas* or its misappropriation. Since, petitioner cooperated with the investigating agency. I do not find any reason to put him behind the bars. Therefore, without going on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner –Maninderjeet Singh is allowed. He be not arrested. In case of his arrest, he be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioner will join 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) BNSS.

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

**(AMARJOT BHATTI )  
JUDGE**

**22.05.2025.**

*Sunil Devi*

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No