

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1852 OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Criminal) No.2463 of 2026)

GURDEEP SINGH

... APPELLANT(S)

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

... RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The prayer made in the present case is for grant of pre-arrest bail to the appellant, who is the husband, in connection with FIR No.294 of 2024 dated 7th July, 2024 registered at Police Station Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. The FIR was initially registered under Sections 323 and 341 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, "the IPC") in which the appellant was granted regular bail. However, later on, the offences under Sections 406 and 498A IPC were also added. In that regard, the prayer of the appellant for grant of pre-arrest bail was rejected. The allegation is misappropriation of dowry articles.
3. A petition filed under Section 9 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 for Restitution of Conjugal Rights by the husband is stated to be pending.

4. Considering the aforesaid facts and the fact that the proceedings arise out of a matrimonial dispute, in our view, a case is made out for grant of pre-arrest bail to the appellant for newly added offences under Section 406 and 498A IPC as well. Ordered accordingly.

5. Accordingly, the interim bail granted to the appellant by this Court on 13th February, 2026 is made absolute subject to the condition that the appellant shall continue cooperating during investigation and also the trial, in case chargesheet is filed.

6. As suggested by learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for respondent No.2/complainant, in case both the parties are willing, the learned Court below can always make an effort for resolution of the dispute through mediation.

7. The appeal is accordingly allowed.

.....J.
(RAJESH BINDAL)

.....J.
(VIJAY BISHNOI)

NEW DELHI;
April 09, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 2463/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-01-2026
in CRMM No. 16806/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana
at Chandigarh]

GURDEEP SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R.
IA No. 44210/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT)

Date : 09-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

For Petitioner(s) :

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Ms. Komal Thakkar, Adv.Mr. Sumeer Sodhi, AOR
Mr. Hardeek Goyal, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application shall also stand disposed of.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)
AR-CUM-PS(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER

(Signed order is placed on the file.)