

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

**CRM-M No.5542 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.02.2016**

Nikka Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Amit Kumar Walia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mz. Rimplejeet Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Hardeep Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner/accused in case FIR No.199 dated 18.11.2015, under Sections 295, 436, 427 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Sadar Dhuri.

As per the allegations, the petitioner is alleged to have set on fire the clothes worn by the idol of Bhagwan Balmiki.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner/accused submits that a false case has been foisted upon the petitioner due to political rivalry.

It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 21.11.2015 and after completion of the investigation, challan has been presented.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Hardeep Singh, does not refute the custody period, as also that the challan stands presented.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and the fact that trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court finds that petitioner/accused deserves the concession of regular bail and as such he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

February 19, 2016
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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**