

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

**CRM-M-700-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision:07.02.2018**

Nirmal Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail in case FIR No.80 dated 25.08.2017 under Sections 436, 427, 148, 149, 120-B, 188 IPC, Sections 3 (I) (II), 4 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 registered at Police Station, Kot Dharmu, District Mansa, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR came to be registered on the statement of Baljit Singh in relation to an alleged occurrence dated 25.08.2017. Allegations are that about 17/18 persons arrived on motorcycles armed with *Kirpans/Dandas/Baseball Bats* etc. at the petrol pump proclaiming that their Guru of Sirsa had been wrongly convicted. Further allegations are that petrol was poured on a diesel pump machine and was set afire. Damage to the diesel pump machine and other property to the extent of ₹2 lakh was stated to have been caused.

Petitioner is stated to have been arrested on 28.08.2017.

Investigation in the case is complete and challan has been presented.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Ranjit Singh apprises the Court that recovery of one motorcycle has been effected from the petitioner.

Trial is at the very initial stage and would take time to conclude.

Co-accused Darshan Ram as also Amolak Singh have been granted benefit of bail by this Court.

In the considered view of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by confining the petitioner in custody till the completion of trial.

Without making any observations on merit, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

07.02.2018

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |