

Sr.No.117

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

CRM-M-31491 of 2021

Date of decision:17.11.2021

Rajiv Khanna

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Amol Rattan Singh

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Amol Rattan Singh, J.(Oral)

Case heard by way of video conferencing.

Vide this petition, filed under the provisions of Section 482 Cr.P.C, the petitioner seeks quashing of FIR No.195, dated 06.07.2021, registered at Police Station Kamboj, District Amritsar Rural, (alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 295-A, 506, 34 IPC), as also all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, admittedly, the alleged 'sacrilege' was not of any picture of Lord Hanuman but of Lord Angad ji, who, as per learned counsel, is not a deity in the Hindu religion.

Even before notice of motion has been issued, Mr. D.S.Matya, Advocate, appears for respondent no.2, i.e.the complainant in the FIR, and controverts that by stating that infact

Lord Angad is also a venerated deity in Hinduism, with certain sects actually making offerings to him in temples.

Though learned counsel for the petitioner refutes that any such temple exists, in the opinion of this court, that would be a matter to be led by way of evidence before the trial court if the matter goes to trial, with that court to also obviously consider as to whether any offence punishable under the provisions of Section 295-A and 506 etc. of the IPC, have actually been committed or not.

When this court was not inclined to therefore interfere with the matter and quash the FIR, learned counsel seeks to withdraw this petition.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

17th November, 2021

Shivani Kaushik

[AMOL RATTAN SINGH]

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No