

Court No. - 40

Case :- WRIT - C No. - 33229 of 2023

Petitioner :- Mohammad Afzal

Respondent :- Union Of India And 4 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Amrendra Nath Rai, Sanjay Singh

Counsel for Respondent :- A.S.G.I., Sunil Sharma

Hon'ble Mahesh Chandra Tripathi, J.

Hon'ble Prashant Kumar, J.

1. Heard Sri Sanjay Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri S.C. Upadhyay, learned standing counsel for the State respondents and Sri Sunil Sharma, learned counsel for the Union of India.
2. Grievance of the petitioner is that he has applied for re-issuance of passport on 17.07.2023 but till date no police verification report has been filed by the respondents and in absence of police verification report the application of the petitioner could not be processed.
3. In this backdrop vide order dated 04.10.2023 learned standing counsel was directed to seek instructions. In response to order dated 04.10.2023, learned standing counsel has placed before this Court instructions dated 11.10.2023 sent by the concerned police station indicating therein that at present there is no criminal case pending against the petitioner. Copy of the instructions has been given to the counsel for the petitioner.
4. Considering the facts and circumstances as it is brought on record that there is no criminal antecedent pending against the petitioner, we expect the respondent no.3, Regional Passport Officer, Varanasi to process the application of the petitioner expeditiously as per law, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of production of a certified copy of this order.
5. With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Order Date :- 30.10.2023

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