

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

CWP No. 14792 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: February 13, 2015

Balbir Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. KANNAN

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment ?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not ?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present: Mr. T.P.S. Bhatti, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Kapoor, advocate,
for respondent No.2.

K. KANNAN, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks for a change of date of birth in the passport, which was originally issued in the year 1981. The passport office has a very serious objection that the change is sought after three decades without any disclosure of reason as to how the initial information with regard to the date of birth made and what was the source of wrong information that gave place to such an alleged wrong entry.

2. Since the petitioner was making an assertion that he was a pensioner with the Union, I thought the best proof regarding the date of birth ought to be available and, therefore, I called upon the petitioner to produce the ex-service man identity card and the pension papers. The identity card reveals his date of birth as 27.5.1964. He has also produced

copy of the pension book that reveals his date of birth as 27.5.1964. Evidently, the petitioner has not filed appropriate documents and obtained a wrong entry without adequate proof. The counsel for the respondent would seek for verification of the documents which have been produced and to take an appropriate decision. All that I would observe now is if there is a rule that makes possible change only under the order of the court, the respondents would take that such order is passed now, allowing for a change of date of birth on the basis of the material presented before me. All that is necessary is for the respondents to make verification that the documents presented before me relate only to the petitioner, for, I have no means of assessing the identity of the petitioner here which ought to be possible by the respondents by calling such additional proof as they may think appropriate. With these observations, I dispose of the writ petition directing the respondents to pass appropriate orders on the request for change of date of birth on the basis of the information that the petitioner submits, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

February 13, 2015
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(K.KANNAN)
JUDGE