

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

DATE OF DECISION: JULY 22, 2015

Jaswinderjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

Union of India and another

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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

Present: Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is entitled for issuance of a passport, for which he had earlier approached this Court by filing Civil Writ Petition No.17842 of 2013 (Jaswinderjit Kaur Vs. Union of India and others), which was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 16.08.2013 (Annexure P-5), directing the Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, to look into the matter and consider the grievance of the petitioner, which was raised by her in her appeal/representation dated 05.07.2013 and decide the same at an early date but not beyond a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. Though the petitioner had communicated the said order to the respondents but till date no decision has been conveyed to her.

Counsel for the petitioner has also relied upon the judgement passed by the Delhi High Court in W.P. (C) 4574 of 2014 (Kulvir Singh Vs. Union of India and another), where the said Court has held that merely because a person has sought asylum in some other country, that cannot in itself be a ground for denying the issuance of a passport. Counsel, thus, prays for a liberty to file a supplementary representation/appeal to the Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi and the Regional Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Police Line Road, Jalandhar-respondent No.2 within a period of two weeks from today, which may be directed to be considered and a decision taken thereon within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner and without going into the merit of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions that in case a representation/appeal is preferred by the petitioner within the time stipulated to the Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi and/or to the Regional Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Police Line Road, Jalandhar-respondent No.2, the same shall be considered and a decision taken thereon in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

July 22, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE