

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

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CWP No. 2503 of 2015

DATE OF DECISION: July 07, 2015

Makhan Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. M.S.Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioner that the date of birth of the petitioner is 05.07.1959 as per the record of the Birth Certificate issued to him by the Registrar, Births and Deaths, SBS Nagar, Nawan Shahar. Petitioner is an illiterate person and has not gone to school and is not able to affix his signatures. Petitioner initially applied for the passport in the year 1992 and Passport No. M054717 was issued to him by the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar-respondent No. 2 on 14.11.1992. In the year 2010, petitioner again applied for re-issue of the passport to respondent No. 2 and the same was re-issued for a term of 10 years, which is valid till 22.11.2020. The date of birth of the petitioner has been mentioned as 05.07.1966 in the initial passport as also in the subsequent passport, which has been issued to the petitioner whereas his actual date of

birth is 05.07.1959. Petitioner filed an application for correction of his date of birth on 28.01.2015 (Annexure P-4) to the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar-respondent No. 2 requesting therein that his correct date of birth may be incorporated in the passport along with documents attached. The said application, till date, has not been decided.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar-respondent No. 2 to take a final decision on the application of the petitioner dated 28.01.2015 (Annexure P-4), with Reference No. (ARN) 15-0001172540, within some specified time.

Without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with directions to the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar-respondent No. 2 to take a final decision on the application of the petitioner dated 28.01.2015 (Annexure P-4), which has Reference No. (ARN) 15-0001172540, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

In case the request of the petitioner is accepted, the needful be done and the passport issued to the petitioner within a further period of one month.

July 07, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE