

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.4295 of 2015

Date of Decision: May 12, 2015

Sanchi Jain

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Ravindra Jain, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Senior Panel Counsel
for Union of India.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Reply on behalf of respondents filed in Court, taken on record.

Copy supplied to the counsel for the petitioner.

In the light of the Division Bench judgment of this Court in *Resham Singh Versus Union of India and another, 2008(1) R.C.R. (Civil) 131*, the power to alter/amend entries with respect to birth/place of birth is conferred upon the passport authorities as per the Passport Act, therefore, the same can be rectified on the basis of certificates submitted to the said authority.

Respondent No.3-Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh is present in Court and states that let the petitioner submit a copy/certified copy of the birth certificate and on verification thereof, further process as provided under the Passport Act will be taken up and if the certificate is found to be genuine, the needful shall be done after three weeks from the date of receipt of verification report from the concerned authorities.

In the light of the statement made by respondent No.3-Regional
Passport Officer, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

May 12, 2015

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**