

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 23470 of 2016
Date of Decision: 11.11.2016**

Pawan Kumar

.....Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present : Mr. Amitoj Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK J. (ORAL)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, petitioner has approached this Court, by way of instant writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that when the genuine grievance of the petitioner was not being redressed by the respondent authorities, he finally approached respondent No.2 by way of legal notice dated 21.6.2016 (Annexure P-5), but the same is also pending decision. He further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied in case the Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Regional Passport Office, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh-respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide his legal notice, within a reasonable time.

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Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, the Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Regional Passport Office, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh-respondent No.2 is directed to look into the matter, consider the grievance of the petitioner, raised vide his legal notice dated 21.6.2016 (Annexure P-5) and decide the same, at an early date by passing an appropriate order thereon, strictly in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, present petition stands disposed of.

(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

11.11.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No