

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

CWP No. 3734 of 2016

Date of Decision: December 12, 2017.

Harinder Singh Mundli

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Nandan Jindal, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr.Indresh Goel, Advocate for Union of India.

Rajan Gupta, J (Oral)

Petitioner has prayed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus to direct the respondents to issue passport to him. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier his request was declined by the authority on the ground that petitioner had sought political asylum in United Kingdom. The passport authority had thus invoked the provision of Section 6 (2) (a), (b) and (i) of the Passports Act, 1967 and rejected the case. Stand of the petitioner is that bar was for 5 years and time limit has expired. Besides, his request for political asylum was never accepted by the concerned country.

A fresh report has already been submitted by the Punjab Police by way of affidavit dated 2.12.2017.

Mr.Goel submits that case of the petitioner can be considered in case he applies for passport.

In view of above, petition is disposed of with the observation that in case petitioner applies for passport within one month from today, the concerned authority shall take a decision thereon within one month thereafter.

Disposed of.

(Rajan Gupta)
Judge

December 12, 2017.

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No