

CWP No.4048 of 2016 -1-

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

**CWP No.4048 of 2016
Date of decision:11.05.2018**

Vedpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Regional Passport Office Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain

Present: Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.H.S.Baidwan, Advocate for the respondents.

Rakesh Kumar Jain, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has prayed for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus seeking a direction to the respondents i.e. Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh to issue a new passport to him on the file bearing No.CH1070903012616.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was holding a passport bearing No.G1746039 which was cancelled because of the pendency of the court case before the Additional Sessions Judge (I) Bhiwani. It is submitted that the petitioner was otherwise acquitted in the said case on 5.10.2012. The petitioner has applied for a new passport by moving application bearing file No.CH1070903012616 before respondent No.1. He was directed to appear before the Passport Adalat on 21.5.2015 for the purpose of clarifying certain facts mentioned in the application. It is alleged that the petitioner had appeared before the Passport Adalat and submitted the requisite documents stating that he had been acquitted but the

passport was not issued. On this premise, this Court had issued notice to the respondents on 29.2.2016. Thereafter, the respondents have put in appearance but no reply has been filed.

Sh.H.S.Baidwan, Advocate who is appearing on behalf of the respondents, has expressed his inability to assist the Court on the ground that the Passport Authority, despite his repeated requests, is not assisting him in this regard.

Be that as it may, the only prayer made by the petitioner is for a direction to the respondents to consider his case once again. Keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case in which the Court has not been assisted by the respondents, the present petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to reconsider the application of the petitioner bearing file No.CH1070903012616. The petitioner is directed to appear before the Passport Authority on 31.5.2018. The passport authority-respondent No.1 is directed to decide the issue in regard to issuance of passport to the petitioner within a period of 15 days thereafter.

May 11, 2018
Meenu

(Rakesh Kumar Jain)
Judge

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