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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 7602/2018**

AMRIT PAL SINGH

..... Petitioner

Through Mr Akshay Verma, Ms Sushma Verma,
Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR.

..... Respondents

Through Mr Vikas Mahajan, CGSC with
Mr Aakash Verma, Mr Deepak Goal, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIBHU BAKHRU

ORDER

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24.07.2018

CM 29080/2018

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application is disposed of.

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3. The petitioner has filed the present petition seeking restoration of his passport facilities. It is stated that the petitioner has been denied the passport facilities on the ground that he had applied for a political asylum in Cyprus.
4. The petitioner travelled back to India on an emergency certificate issued by the Indian High Commission at Nicosia, Cyprus. After returning back to India, the petitioner once again applied for passport facilities, which as stated earlier, has been denied. Aggrieved by the denial of such facilities, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the Chief Passport Officer under

Section 11 of the Passport Act, 1967. At the material time, the issue whether passport facilities could be denied to a citizen on the ground that he/she had applied for a political asylum overseas was pending consideration before the Division Bench of this Court in **LPA No.13/2016** captioned as ***Union of India and Anr. v. Satnam Singh*** and other connected matters. In view of the above, the Chief Passport Officer did not consider the appeal preferred by the petitioner and sent a letter dated 27.05.2016 informing the petitioner that his appeal would be decided after the final decision in the LPA.

5. Since the Division Bench has disposed of the said appeal, the Chief Passport Officer is now required to examine the petitioner's appeal and pass an appropriate order. In view of the above, the concerned Chief Passport Officer is directed to do so within a period of four weeks from today.
6. The petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

VIBHU BAKHRU, J

JULY 24, 2018
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