

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

CWP-3018-2019

Date of decision :04.02.2019

Lakhwinder Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

**Regional Passport Officer, Amritsar and
others**

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Sumnit S.Bairagi, Advocate
for Sandeep Kumar Passi, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus directing the respondent-authorities to issue to the petitioner a fresh passport.

During the course of hearing it has been conceded that the petitioner was involved in a number of criminal proceedings and in one matter under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 he stands convicted. Counsel submits that against the judgment of the conviction an appeal has been filed which is pending final adjudication before this court and an application for suspension of sentence has been allowed.

Counsel submits that in pursuance to the application for issuance of a passport, a letter had been received on 24.08.2018 mentioning therein that "your file has been closed and appropriate notice has also been placed on the website www.Passportindia.gov.in in the section "Track Status" against your file number."

Counsel submits that no information has been posted on the website and as such the petitioner is not even aware of the basis of apparent rejection of his application and closing of his file. He confines the scope of this instant petition for issuance of directions to respondent-authorities to convey to the petitioner the decision that has been taken on the application moved by the petitioner for issuance of a passport.

In view of the above, while declining the main prayer of the petitioner for issuance of a passport, liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach respondent No.1. i.e. Regional Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar as regards information for closing of his file. In the eventuality of the petitioner doing so respondent No.1 would be obligated to inform him as regards the status of the application that he had submitted for issuance of a passport and in case the same has been closed/declined, the reasons thereof.

Petition is disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No