

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-4048-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.03.2019

Subhash Chander

--Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & another

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. S.S. Sahu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanvi Jain, Advocate for respondents.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner filed the instant petition seeking a Mandamus to respondent no.2 i.e. Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh to renew the Passport held by him and which was otherwise valid up to 31.3.2018.

The entire case projected on behalf of the petitioner is that even though, the Passport stands renewed by the respondent authorities but the same has been withheld on account of certain criminal proceedings that were pending.

Ms. Tanvi Jain, Advocate has entered appearance on behalf of respondents no.1 and 2 and has filed a written statement along with Annexures R-2/1 and R-2/2. The same is taken on record and a complete copy has been furnished to counsel opposite.

As per Annexure R-2/2 along with the reply dated 22.1.2019, the petitioner had been called upon to submit certain clarifications with regard to issuance of Passport facilities. Counsel for the petitioner would contend that such notice dated 22.1.2019 was never received by the petitioner and as such, no response was filed.

Be that as it may, copy of the notice dated 22.1.2019 (Annexure R-2/2) has now been placed in the hands of the counsel representing the petitioner.

Without going into the merits of the case, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2 i.e. Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh that in the eventuality of the petitioner responding to the notice dated 22.1.2019 within a period of two weeks from today along with all the supporting documents, the same would be considered on merits and would be processed in accordance with law and a final decision would be taken thereupon within a period of six weeks thereafter and communicated to the petitioner.

Writ petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

25.03.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No