

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

CWP No.6703 of 2019
Date of decision:-13.03.2019

Gurtej Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Mehar Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner seeks a mandamus to direct the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh to issue to him a certificate that no other valid passport is existing in the name of the petitioner other than the passport No.Z-2139582.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that the prayer in the instant petition is wholly misconceived and cannot be entertained.

It is the case of the petitioner himself that he was issued a passport by the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh on 22.02.2005 and which was valid upto the year 2015. Apparently during the currency of the afore-noticed passport, petitioner has procured a second passport issued on 31.08.2010 and at the hands of the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh.

Counsel has not been able to explain the modus that was resorted to by the petitioner to secure a second passport during the validity of the

first passport that had been issued on 22.02.2005.

The prayer made in the instant petition can only be seen as an attempt of pre-empt the respondent authorities from taking any action against the petitioner and who clearly had applied for the second passport by concealing that he already held a valid passport dated 22.02.2005.

Writ petition is dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

13.03.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No