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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Date of decision: 14.08.2019

CWP No.6009 of 2001

Rajvinder Kaur ...Petitioner

Vs.

Regional Passport Officer & another ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Nemo.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition was filed for a direction to the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh – respondent No.1 to issue passport to minor Jasmine Kaur, daughter of the petitioner and respondent No.2. The parents were in a divorce petition. The passport was refused on the ground that the petitioner was a minor at the time of application and both parents of minor are required to sign the declaration in the form prescribed for issuance of a passport. The passport authorities had cited Central Government circular dated 18.09.1997 issued by the Ministry of External Affairs to decline the application filed on behalf of the then minor daughter. This petition was admitted on 21.03.2002.

2. As per the averments in the writ petition, Jasmine Kaur was born on 16.10.1996 and would presently be of about 23 years of age. Thus, as a major, she is entitled to hold a passport.

3. No one appears on behalf of the parties in view of suspension of work by the Bar. Nevertheless, the petition appears to have been rendered infructuous by passage of time and is accordingly disposed of with liberty to the parties including Jasmine Kaur to revive this petition in case any grievance remains with respect to travel documents including passport.

4. Office to send a copy of this order to the petitioner and both the respondents with an additional copy to Jasmine Kaur at the address of the petitioning mother as shown in the cause title.

14.08.2019 **[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]**
Vimal **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*