

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-8780-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.04.2019

Navdeep Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. A.P.S. Rehan, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

As per pleadings on record, petitioner was issued an Indian Passport bearing Passport No.H 4595308.

On 16.2.2019 the Passport of the petitioner was seized in pursuance to Seizure Memo dated 16.2.2019 issued by the Immigration Officer (Departure), Airport, Amritsar. On 19.2.2019 petitioner was served with a show cause notice (Annexure P-8) and which read in the following terms:-

“Subject: Show Cause Notices

Whereas, the Central Government has received a complaint/presentation from Ms. Sandip Kaur forwarded therewith copies of summons against Shri Navdeep Singh issued by the Judicial Magistrate-1st Class, Civil Judge Junior Division, Amritsar against Shri Navdeep Singh.

Whereas the Central Government on the basis of information available with it has sufficient reasons to believe that provisions of clause (c) of sub section (3) of Section 10 of the Passport Act, 1967 are attracted against Shri Navdeep Singh S/o Shri Jaswant Singh.

In view of the above circumstances, Shri Navdeep Singh is hereby directed to explain why his passport is not revoked under section 10 of the Passport Act, 1967.

In case, no satisfactory reply is received within 15 days of issue of this letter, his passport no.H4595308 will be revoked.

*Sd/-
(Rajbir Singh)
Vice Consul (Passport)”*

As per counsel reply to the show cause notice at Annexure P-8 was furnished within the stipulated time frame of 15 days i.e. on 05.3.2019.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that till date no final decision on the show cause notice has been taken and neither has the Passport been revoked.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 to 4 and waives service. A complete copy of the writ paper book already stands furnished to her.

Statement of Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate is recorded to the effect that in case reply dated 5.3.2019 (Annexure P-9) has already been furnished by the petitioner, a final decision on the show cause notice dated 19.2.2019 would be taken expeditiously and in accordance with law and in any case within a period of four weeks from today.

Statement is accepted.

In the light of such statement recorded of counsel representing the respondents, no further directions are required to be passed.

Writ petition is disposed of.

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

01.04.2019

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