

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

CWP No.8918 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision:-28.05.2019

Ms. Gagan Anand

.....Petitioner

versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Rohit Khanna, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

On the oral request made by counsel for the petitioner, the Regional Passport Office, Sector 34, Chandigarh through the Regional Passport Officer, is impleaded as party respondent No.8.

Registry is directed to carry out the necessary changes in the memo of parties.

As per pleadings on record, petitioner is holding a passport bearing No.H4397636 and which is valid upto 01.06.2019.

Instant writ petition has been filed raising a grievance that an application preferred by the petitioner for renewal of the passport is pending consideration before the newly impleaded respondent No.8 but is not being processed in accordance with law.

Counsel submits that petitioner has been named in FIR No.245 of 2015 under Section 420 IPC and Section 3 & 4 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) Act 1978, registered at Police Station Sector 31, Chandigarh and in which the investigation is still

underway. It is contended that mere registration of an FIR cannot be an impediment insofar as issuance or renewal of the passport. Counsel further argues that it is only in a situation where after charges are framed and trial commences that any valid objection should be taken with regard to the application of the petitioner for renewal of the passport not being entertained.

In view of the short grievance raised in the petition and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to newly impleaded respondent No.8 to proceed in the matter and to take a final decision on the application preferred by the petitioner, seeking renewal of her passport expeditiously and in any case within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

28.05.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No