

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

CWP No. 9993 of 2019
Date of decision:-03.05.2019

Navdeep Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner seeks a mandamus to direct the Regional Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh, to issue to him a passport.

It has been stated that petitioner submitted an application for issuance of a passport vide application reference File No.CH4062388918618 on 23.05.2018. It is contended that the application was complete in all respects but pursuant to a police verification exercise, it was reported that an FIR No.0036 dated 25.02.2017 stands registered under Sections 63, 65 of the Copyright Act 1957 at Police Station Sohana, Tehsil and District SAS Nagar, Mohali and in which the petitioner has also been named.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that during the course of investigation, the petitioner has been found innocent and even a cancellation report has been prepared and inspite of the petitioner having informed the respondent passport authority with regard to such

factual premise, his application for issuance of the passport is not being processed.

Counsel has argued that even otherwise mere registration of an FIR would not be an impediment for issuance of a passport inasmuch as the petitioner as of date is not facing any trial in criminal proceedings.

At this stage, counsel raises a submission that a representation dated 26.02.2019 (Annexure P-4) has been submitted and he would be satisfied if the directions were to be issued to respondent No.2 to consider and examine the same.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 and waives service. A complete copy of the writ paper-book has been supplied to him.

Statement of Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate, is recorded to the effect that in case the representation dated 26.02.2019 (Annexure P-4) has been filed and is pending, the same would be looked into and a final decision thereupon would be taken expeditiously and conveyed to the petitioner.

In the light of such statement recorded, no further adjudication in the instant writ petition is required at this stage.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

03.05.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No