

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

**CWP No. 12114 of 2019
Date of Decision:-08.05.2019**

Vivek Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Puneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

Challenge in the instant petition is to the order dated 10.04.2019 passed by the Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar impounding the passport of the petitioner.

Concededly the impugned order has been passed in exercise of powers conferred under Section 10 (3) of the Passports Act 1967.

As per Section 11 of the Act, the petitioner has a statutory remedy of appeal against the action of impounding of his passport.

In the considered view of this Court, the petitioner ought to avail of the statutory remedy provided under the Act.

Confronted with a situation where this Court was not inclined to intervene, counsel prays for withdrawal of the writ petition with liberty to avail of the remedy of appeal.

He further submits that the time frame for filing of an appeal is 30 days from the date of passing of the impugned order and which is elapsing on 10.05.2019.

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directed that in the eventuality of the petitioner filing an appeal against the impugned order of impounding of his passport within a period of 10 days from today, the same would be adjudicated upon by the Appellate Authority on merits.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

May 08, 2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No