

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

**CWP-15366-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:30.05.2019**

Harsimran Singh Brar

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Karn Nehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate for UOI.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

As per pleadings on record, petitioner was the holder of a passport carrying a validity upto 05.03.2019. An application for renewal/re-issuance of a passport was made by the petitioner on 12.12.2018 before the Regional Passport Officer, Passport Office, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

The short grievance raised in the instant writ petition is that till date the application dated 12.12.2018 submitted by the petitioner has not been processed and in any case no decision thereupon has been conveyed to the petitioner.

Counsel submits that name of the petitioner figured in FIR No.176, dated 20.07.2013 under Sections 420/467/468/471/474/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Phase-I, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali. The categoric submission made is that even though challan stands presented but till date charges have not been framed and as such petitioner is not facing trial.

It is argued that under Section 6 of the Passports Act, mere registration of an FIR and submission of final investigation report, cannot be

construed as an impediment for process of the application of the petitioner for re-issuance of a passport.

Notice of motion confined to respondents No.1 and 2 only.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2.

A complete copy of the writ paper book already stands furnished.

Statement of counsel representing respondents No.1 and 2 is recorded to the effect that the application of the petitioner dated 12.12.2018 seeking re-issuance of the passport would be processed in accordance with law and under the provisions of the Passport Act and a final decision would be conveyed to the petitioner within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

In the light of such statement recorded of counsel representing respondents No.1 and 2, no further directions are required to be passed.

Writ petition is disposed of.

It is, however, made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case.

30.05.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |