

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-15030-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.05.2019

Amrita Pritam Kaur

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner is a lady stated to be aged 62 years.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that an application submitted by her on 25.4.2019 to the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar/respondent no.2 has not been processed till date.

Counsel submits that petitioner was named in FIR No.172 dated 9.10.2004 under Section 506 I.P.C and sections 3/4/5 of the SC/ST Act registered at Police Station Dasua, district Hoshiarpur. In the trial that ensued, petitioner was convicted vide judgement dated 30.5.2007 passed by the Trial Court. An appeal preferred by the petitioner is pending adjudication before this Court.

Counsel adverts to Section 6(2)(e) of the Passport Act to contend that since the conviction relates back to the year 2007, the same cannot be treated as a valid impediment for denial of the Passport.

In the light of the grievance raised in the petition and without ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the same with a direction to respondent no.2 that in case the application dated 25.4.2019 for issuance of a Passport is pending as of date, the same be processed in accordance with law and as per

provisions of the Passport Act expeditiously and in any case within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

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

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

29.05.2019

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