

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

**CWP-16398-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:01.07.2019**

Jasbir Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Dr. Payel Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks a mandamus for directing the respondent authorities to carry out a change in the birth certificate issued by the concerned District Registrar, Births and Deaths, Punjab (Annexure P-1) and his name to read as Jasbir Singh instead of Naresh Kumar.

As per Section 15 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, a correction or cancellation of entry in the register of births and deaths is to be carried out by the Registrar as defined under Section 7 of the Act and by following the procedure/mandate envisaged under Section 15.

During the course of arguments, it stands conceded that till date no application has been moved by the petitioner to the Registrar concerned for the correction as prayed for in the instant writ petition and for the procedure under Section 15 of the Act to be followed.

Counsel would however submit that an application had been made to the Assistant Civil Surgeon, Phase 6, Mohali at Annexure P-6 and which is still pending consideration as would be apparent to the response at

Annexure P-7 dated 14.12.2018 under the information sought through the Right to Information Act.

Be that as it may, in the considered view of this Court, the petitioner ought to approach the competent authority i.e. the concerned Registrar as defined under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 so as to avail the procedure and mandate of Section 15 of the Act seeking correction as regards his name in the birth certificate.

Writ petition is disposed of in terms of liberty being granted to the petitioner to raise his prayer seeking correction of his name in the birth certificate under the competent authority as defined under Section 15 of the Act.

Disposed of.

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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