

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

**CWP No.17502-2019 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:06.09.2019**

Dalbir Singh Sandhu

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

. ....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arihant Goyal, Advocate for respondent-UOI.

Mr. APS Gill, AAG, Punjab.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)**

Petitioner seeks a mandamus for directing respondents No.1 and 2 to renew and issue to him a passport.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

There is no dispute on the factual premise that the petitioner was issued a passport bearing No.H-1973542 and which expired on 27.05.2019. Petitioner applied for renewal of the passport vide application dated 28.05.2019 itself (Annexure P-9). There is also no dispute that the petitioner is facing trial in two criminal proceedings i.e. FIR No.301 dated 19.10.2013 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC registered at PS City Nakodar and FIR No.124 dated 01.07.2016 under Sections 419, 420, 465 467, 468, 471 and 120-B registered at PS City Nakodar.

Counsel representing the Union of India/Passport Authority submits that the application of the petitioner seeking renewal of his passport would be processed upon fulfilling two requirements i.e. (i) the

petitioner is required to submit a permission having been granted by the Trial Court to proceed abroad and (ii) an undertaking to be furnished by the petitioner as per format appended alongwith Annexure R1/1.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the application for seeking permission to proceed abroad has already been filed before the Trial Court and the same is now pending.

Under such circumstances, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the Trial Court grants permission to the petitioner to proceed abroad pertaining to both the trials and the petitioner also submitting the undertaking as per format attached alongwith Annexure R1/1, the concerned passport authorities would proceed further in the matter and would issue to the petitioner the renewed passport without any further delay.

Writ petition disposed of.

Pending application(s) if any, also stands disposed of.

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)**  
**JUDGE**

**September 06, 2019**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No