

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-22960-2016 (O&M)
Date of decision : 15.03.2019

Rajinder Singh Dhillon

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. J.P.S. Sarao, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Sumeet Abrol, Advocate,
for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl.A.G., Punjab,
for respondent No.3.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to issue new Passport to the petitioner.

Learned counsel states that passport was issued to the petitioner in the year 1993, which was subsequently renewed in the year 2003 for another 10 years. The application for renewal of passport dated 06.10.2016 (Annexure P-5) was rejected on the ground that petitioner was found involved in a criminal case.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 refers to Sections 6(2)(f) and Section 10(3) of the Passport Act to state that the passport cannot be issued to the petitioner as the petitioner was involved in an FIR and subsequently convicted during the pendency of the instant petition. The

petitioner concealed the material facts in the application for renewal of the Passport with regard to his involvement in the criminal cases.

Heard.

At this stage, the Court is not inclined to adjudicate the matter on its merits, however, the petitioner is directed to file a fresh application for renewal of passport within four weeks from today with complete particulars. Thereafter, the Passport authorities shall consider the same afresh and in case, petitioner is found eligible to hold a passport, the same be released to him. However, if the petitioner is not found eligible to hold a passport, in that eventuality, a speaking order be passed in the matter.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

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