

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

**CWP-22839-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.08.2019**

Ranjit Singh Samra

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. K.S. Boparai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Alisha Arora, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 3.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks a mandamus for directing the respondent/ authorities to issue him a passport.

Counsel would submit that an application had been made for issuance of passport at the Passport Sewa Kendra, Ludhiana on 27.06.2018 along with all requisite documents and fee which comes under the Regional Passport Office, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

The precise grievance projected in the petition is that till date the application has not been processed. Neither has the passport been issued nor an order has been passed rejecting the application.

Counsel has further apprised the Court that name of the petitioner figured in FIR No.0103 dated 01.09.2016 registered at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana under Sections 177/420/120-B IPC. However, at the stage of investigation itself petitioner along with other accused had filed **CRM-M-43734-2016 (Surinder Kaur & others Vs. State of Punjab & another)** seeking quashing of the FIR and on 07.12.2016

while issuing notice of motion ad interim stay of further proceedings pursuant to the impugned FIR had been granted.

As such, it is prayed that there would be no impediment in law as regards issuance of the passport in favour of the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Alisha Arora, Advocate, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and waives service.

A complete copy of the writ paper book has been furnished.

Statement of Ms. Alisha Arora, Advocate is recorded to the effect that in case the application dated 27.06.2018 submitted by the petitioner for issuance of a passport is pending as of date, the same would be processed in accordance with law and under the provisions of the Passports Act. A final decision in regard thereto would be taken expeditiously and in any case within a period of four weeks from today.

In view of the statement suffered by learned counsel representing the respondents, no further directions are required to be passed.

Writ petition is disposed of.

28.08.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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