

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-25147-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.09.2019

Kulwant Kaur

--Petitioner

Versus

Regional Passport Officer & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Kuldeep V. Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner seeks a Mandamus directing the respondent-Passport authorities to process her application for issuance of a Passport. A Writ of Certiorari has also been prayed for setting aside the impugned communication dated 8.2.2019 (Annexure P-10) informing the petitioner that her file for issuance of the Passport stands closed.

Counsel would argue that the action of the respondent authorities in having closed the file seeking Passport is patently unjust and illegal. It is urged that all the requisite documents have been furnished and inspite thereof the file has been closed.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length, this Court is of the considered view that there is no merit in the instant petition and the same deserves to be dismissed.

During the course of hearing counsel has conceded that the petitioner was married on 25.2.2015 with one Ranjit Singh. The matrimonial alliance having not worked out, divorce proceedings stand initiated and which are still pending final adjudication.

Apparently as would be clear from letter dated 30.1.2019 (Annexure P-8), while applying for the Passport petitioner has disclosed her

status to be separated. That apart, even an adverse police verification report corresponding to her application has been furnished before the Passport authorities.

The impugned communication dated 8.2.2019 at Annexure P-10 has been issued ostensibly on the basis that the petitioner is not taking a clear stand as regards her status being single or married. Merely for the reason that divorce petition has been filed and is pending would not change her status from being married to that of being single.

No infirmity is found in the impugned communication closing the file of the petitioner seeking issuance of Passport.

No intervention in the matter is called for.

Petition is dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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