

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

**CWP-40325-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:07.01.2019**

Tejinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has filed the instant writ petition seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2 i.e. the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh to issue in his favour a fresh/supplementary passport as the leaves of the existing passport already stand exhausted due to travel Visas and Immigration stamps.

It is pleaded that the petitioner has a valid passport bearing No.L2637387 and which is valid upto 03.06.2023.

During the course of hearing, it has gone uncontroverted that a process of police verification has to be undertaken and a report thereof is to be submitted to the Passport Officer prior to issuance of a fresh/supplementary passport. Counsel very fairly concedes that the verification report is still pending before the police authorities at Ambala City.

Under such circumstances, no directions can be issued to the Regional passport Officer, Chandigarh against the backdrop of the prayer made in the instant petition at this stage.

Counsel submits that he would confine the scope of the instant writ petition for issuance of directions to the Superintendent of Police, Civil Lines, Ambala City to expedite the verification process with respect to the application moved by the petitioner for re-issuance of the passport.

Prayer made by counsel is just and reasonable.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 i.e. the Superintendent of Police, Ambala City to examine a representation dated 20.10.2018 at Annexure P-4 (colly) that has already stated to have been submitted and to take further steps thereupon as mandated by law expeditiously and in any case within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

07.01.2019

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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