

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

CWP No. 35227 of 2019
Date of decision: 04.12.2019

Jhirmal Singh

.....Petitioner

V/s.

Regional Passport Officer and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Sanjay Kumar, J.(Oral)

The grievance of the petitioner in this case is that the Regional Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, the first respondent, is not passing any orders upon his application dated 27.09.2019 bearing reference No. 19-0013546678 for issuance of a passport.

Upon the asking of the Court, Mr. Narender Kumar Vashist, Senior Panel Counsel, Union of India, takes notice for the first respondent. He states that he has no instructions and seeks time to get instructions.

However, this Court is of the opinion that no adjudication is warranted on merits in this case at this stage as the authority concerned, viz, the first respondent, is yet to apply his mind to the petitioner's application and pass an appropriate order thereon in accordance with law. It is for the said authority to consider the full facts and take a decision as to whether the petitioner is entitled to have a passport or otherwise. In any event, the

first respondent is duty bound to pass an order, one way or the other, and communicate the same to the petitioner, if not already done.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, the first respondent, to consider the petitioner's application dated 27.09.2019 on its own merits and in accordance with law and take a decision thereon expeditiously and preferably within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

04.12.2019

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Yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable

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Yes/no