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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-35443-2019
Date of decision: 6.12.2019

Gurvinder Singh

.....Petitioner.

vs.

Union of India and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Advocate for
Mr. B.S. Kathuria, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Karan Kumar, Advocate for respondents No. 1 and 2.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The grievance of the petitioner is that the passport authorities and more particularly, the Passport Sewa Kendra, Jalandhar, represented by the Passport Officer, the second respondent, is not renewing his passport.

Mr. Karan Kumar Jund, learned counsel, took notice for the respondents and sought time to get instructions. However, this Court is of the opinion that there is no necessity to keep this writ petition pending or adjudicate it on merits, given the fact that the second respondent addressed letter dated 1.5.2019 (Annexure P-3) to the petitioner citing the reason for not renewing his passport. Therein, he stated that there was an adverse police verification report against him to the effect that FIR No. 173 dated 16.6.2013 was registered against him on the file of Police Station, Nakodar.

Reference in this regard may be made to the decision of this Court in *CWP-12143-2015*, titled **Daler Singh versus Union of India and others**, and *CWP-19551-2015*, titled **Sahib Jaskaran Singh vs.**

Union of India and others, (2016 (2) RCR (Criminal) 798), wherein this Court held that a passport could not be refused or cancelled only on the ground of registration of a FIR.

It appears that the petitioner submitted representation dated 11.9.2019 (Annexure P-4) to the second respondent which is still pending consideration. In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to take appropriate action upon the aforestated representation dated 11.9.2019 (Annexure P-4), duly taking into account the legal position as set out in the decisions cited supra.

This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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