

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-25606-2018  
Date of decision : 30.01.2019

Harpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN**

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate,  
for Mr. Navkiran Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Sudhir Nar, Sr. Panel Counsel,  
for the respondents.

**JITENDRA CHAUHAN J. (ORAL)**

This writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for the issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to act in accordance with law and decide appeal preferred by the petitioner for issuance of passport.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that at this stage she would be satisfied, if a direction is issued to respondent No.2-Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg, New Delhi, to consider and decide appeal dated 15.01.2018 (Annexure P-6).

Learned counsel for the respondents is not averse to the submission so made.

In view of the above, without adverting to the merits of the

case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2- Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affair, Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg, New Delhi, to consider and decide the appeal dated 15.01.2018 (Annexure P-6) within six weeks from the receipt of the certified copy of the judgment. In case, on consideration, the competent authority reaches to the conclusion that the benefit claimed by the petitioner is admissible to him, in such eventuality, the consequential relief be allowed to him, within a period of six weeks thereafter. However, in case the competent authority feels that the relief claimed by the petitioner is not admissible or made out, in that case, a speaking order be passed in the matter.

30.01.2019  
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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)  
JUDGE

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