

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

**CWP No.7423 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:22.05.2020**

Tirath Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via WhatsApp facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner who is a foreign national being a citizen of the United Kingdom seeks a mandamus for issuance of directions to the respondents to take a decision upon his application dated 14.06.2019 (Annexure P-9) seeking an Exit Permit so as to facilitate his return back to United Kingdom.

Counsel submits that the petitioner had arrived in India in the month of February 2019 and only on account of registration of an FIR his application is not being processed.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India and Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Counsel for Union of India, who were already served with an advance copy of the petition have joined proceedings. They

represent respondents No.1 to 3.

Having heard counsel for the parties and having perused the averments made in the writ petition, this Court is of the view that the respondents are certainly obligated to take a decision on the pending application dated 14.06.2019 (Annexure P-9) seeking an Exit Permit. Mr. Dheeraj Jain, learned counsel for the contesting respondents furnishes an assurance that a final decision on the application would be taken expeditiously.

In view of the above and without making any observation on merit, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to process the application dated 14.06.2019 (Annexure P-9) as per law and to convey a final decision to the petitioner within a period of four weeks from today.

It is observed that in the eventuality of application of the petitioner being declined, the reasons for rejection in terms of passing a speaking order would be conveyed to the petitioner.

Writ petition disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

May 22, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No