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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 19553 of 2020
Date of decision: 18.11.2020

Karamjeet Singh

..... Petitioner (s)

V/s.

Union of India and another

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Kumar Jund, Central Government Counsel,
for respondent-Union of India.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is aggrieved by the inaction of the passport authorities in issuing him a fresh passport with changed particulars.

The petitioner earlier held a passport wherein his name was shown as Karamjit Singh. In the said passport, his wife's name was shown as Jaspreet Kaur. It is his claim that he got his name changed as Karamjeet Singh from Karamjit Singh and that his wife's name is Harinder Kaur and not Jaspreet Kaur. He states that full particulars were furnished to the passport authorities in this regard but despite the same, no positive action has been taken upon his application for issuance of a fresh passport with these changed particulars. The petitioner got issued legal notice dated 20.09.2020 to the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, the second

respondent, in this regard but complains of inaction thereon. Hence, this writ petition.

As the authority concerned is yet to consider the petitioner's application and the legal notice issued on his behalf on merits and in accordance with law, no cause is made out for this Court to entertain the present writ petition for adjudication on merits. It is for the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, the second respondent, to take a call on the petitioner's plea on the strength of the material produced by him and initiate necessary further action thereon.

Mr. Karan Singh Jund, learned panel counsel appearing for the respondent-Union of India, states that he has no objection to the disposal of the writ petition directing the second respondent to take appropriate action in the matter.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, the second respondent, to consider the petitioner's application and his legal notice dated 20.09.2020 (Annexure P-13) on their own merits and in accordance with law and take appropriate action. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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whether speaking/non speaking : Yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable : Yes/no