

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

Sr. No.104

**Civil Writ Petition No.13094 of 2021
Date of Decision : September 20, 2021**

Sukhwant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

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

Mr. Karan Kumar Jund, Advocate,
for respondents No.1 to 3.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner at length.

The petitioner has applied for renewal of his passport but the same has been kept pending as an FIR stands registered against him in the year 2020 and challan has been presented in the said case. Criminal trial is pending.

Section 6(2)(f) of the Passports Act, 1967 authorizes the passport authorities to refuse a passport in case of pendency of criminal proceedings. Admittedly, criminal proceedings are pending and thus, the refusal to renew the passport cannot be said to be illegal or arbitrary.

In view of the above, the writ petition is dismissed.

September 20, 2021

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No