

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 13606 of 2021

Date of Decision: 27.07.2021

Bhupinder Singh

....Petitioner

VS

Union of India and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**Present:** Mr. D.S. Gurna, Advocate
for the petitioner

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner's passport was valid till 12.12.2012. Before its expiry, an application dated 29.11.2012 was made for its renewal, however, action thereupon was kept pending as an FIR dated 19.11.2010 had been registered against the petitioner. It has been submitted that in the said FIR a cancellation report was submitted by the police but the concerned Court has returned the matter for further investigation vide order dated 04.03.2021. The pendency of an FIR is no ground for refusal to renew a passport. Thus, legal notice dated 07.04.2021 (Annexure P-4) was issued but the same has not been responded to.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and waives service.

Considering the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to file written statement.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 to decide the pending legal notice dated 07.04.2021 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law and by passing a speaking order within eight weeks from the date of

receipt of the certified copy of this order. The petitioner shall be at liberty to submit a supplementary application.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

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