

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

(102)

CWP-312-2021

Date of Decision: January 08, 2021

Lovepreet Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

.. Respondents

(Through video conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. P.B.S. Goraya, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate, for respondents-UOI.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the validity of his passport No.N5638830 issued on 25.01.2016 is to expire on 24.01.2026 however, keeping in view the frequent travel, pages of the passport have been exhausted and the petitioner has made a request for re-issuance of the passport with valid pages.

According to the petitioner, the said request was made by him on 06.08.2019 but till date, he has not been granted the benefit as prayed for in his application. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that application has been kept pending without any valid justification.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has already approached the Regional Passport Officer-respondent No.2 by filing a representation on 06.11.2020 (Annexure P-5) which is still pending consideration with the said authority and the petitioner will be satisfied at

this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate, Advocate, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and raises no objection for deciding the representation of the petitioner in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the representation dated 06.11.2020 (Annexure P-5), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 06.11.2020 (Annexure P-5) within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

January 08, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No