

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

Sr. No.103

**CWP-24417-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision : 02.12.2021**

Satwant Kaur

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

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

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The passport of the petitioner has been impounded in exercise of powers conferred by Section 10 (3) (e) of the Passports Act, 1967. A criminal trial is pending against the petitioner.

It is submitted that after grant of anticipatory bail by this Court, a representation dated 24.09.2021 (Annexure P-9) has been submitted before respondent No.3 for release of the passport. The said representation has not been decided till date. Thus, a direction may be issued to the said authority to decide the pending representation within a limited time frame.

Notice of motion.

Mr. K.K. Jund, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents and waives service.

Considering the nature of the order being passed, no reply is necessary.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to decide the pending representation dated 24.09.2021 (Annexure P-9) in accordance with law by passing a speaking order within eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

02.12.2021
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes/ No