

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

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CWP No.14467 of 2017

Date of decision: 29.09.2022

Pawan Kumar

...Petitioner

V/s

Union of India and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Ms. Gursharan Kaur Mann, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Sunil Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Roopam Jain, Advocate for respondent Nos.1 and 3.

Mr. A.S. Natt, AAG Punjab for respondent Nos.2 and 4.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

At the outset, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 3, on instructions from respondent No.3, submits that in view of the reply filed on behalf of respondent Nos.2 and 4 by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur, detailing the final status of the five FIRs mentioned therein in which the petitioner had been implicated, the petitioner may apply afresh for issue of passport. The judgments pertaining to the aforesaid FIR cases be also appended therewith and the application would be considered in accordance with law.

Learned State counsel submits that the police authorities are only to provide information regarding the criminal antecedents of the applicant-petitioner and with regard to any incriminating material against the applicant, which is to be considered by the passport authorities as per the

provisions contained under the Passport Act, 1967 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder.

In view of the statement made above, learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition be disposed of keeping in view of the statement made by learned counsel for respondent Nos.1 and 3 and the petitioner will make a fresh application, as noticed above.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the above noticed submissions, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to apply afresh for issue of passport and he would be at liberty to append the various judgments and orders pertaining to the FIR cases under the column 'list of other documents' in the passport application form, as per law.

Since the present petition has been pending since the year 2017 and nearly five years have gone by, as and when the fresh application for issue of passport is made, the respondent-authorities would take into account the time already consumed while considering the request of the petitioner for expediting the process.

This petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

September 29, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No