

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

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CWP No.23095 of 2022

Date of decision: 17.11.2022

Jagbir Singh Sokhi

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Vipul Babuta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG Punjab for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.3.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner regrets his default in not being able to place on record the current status of the application for issue of passport in the Registry. A copy thereof has been produced in Court. A perusal of the same reads as under:-

“This file has been closed and no further processing will be done on the passport application. Please contact the Regional Passport Office for further queries.”

Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.3 submits that a discreet inquiry was conducted in this case and it transpires that the petitioner was implicated in three FIRs.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that except for FIR No.16 dated 18.01.2017 under Sections 332, 353, 186, 295 IPC registered at Police Station Shimlapuri, Ludhiana, in which the trial is pending, the other two FIRs cannot come in way of the petitioner for issue of passport, as one

was quashed by this Court and in the other, a cancellation report has been submitted, which is pending consideration before the concerned Court. It is sought to be clarified that in fact the petitioner is implicated only in two FIRs whereas in third, he is the complainant and it is in that case in which a cancellation report has been submitted. It is also clarified with regard to the FIR in which the trial is underway, the petitioner has sought quashing of the same, which petition is pending before this Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to decision and observations made in CWP-21203-2022 titled ***Kishan Pal and others vs. Union of India and others*** decided on 16.09.2022 and prays that in view of the same, he be granted liberty to approach the concerned Court to seek remedy in terms of the statutory provisions issued vide notification G.S.R. 570(E) dated 25.08.1993.

Learned counsels for the respondents have raised no objection to the prayer of the petitioner being granted, for taking recourse of the remedy provided under law.

Dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

November 17, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No