

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

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CWP No.26390 of 2022

Date of decision: 18.11.2022

Damanpreet Kaur

....Petitioner

V/s

Union of India and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate, for the respondents.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

At the very outset, learned counsel on instructions from the petitioner, restricts the claim, at this stage, to consideration and decision on the representation dated 22.09.2022 (Annexure P-5) by passing an appropriate order in a time bound manner.

The petitioner has approached respondent No.2 for re-issue of passport after correcting her place of birth, on the basis of birth certificate dated 04.02.2005 (Annexure P-1). The appointment in that regard is scheduled for 13.12.2022 (Annexure P-6).

Notice of motion to the limited extent.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and waives services. He submits that the Competent Authority/second respondent would consider the representation, in accordance with law and decide the same by passing a speaking order within the stipulated time.

In view of the restricted prayer made and the submissions

noticed above, without expressing any opinion or going into the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition or in the representation, respondent No.2/Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the representation dated 22.09.2022 (Annexure P-5), in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

As a matter of abundant caution, it is clarified that it would be open to the Competent Authority to ascertain the authenticity of the material documents relied upon by the petitioner, for deciding the claim made in the representation.

Needless to observe that after the aforesaid decision, the passport authority would be at liberty to accordingly process the application for re-issue of passport, as per law.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(VIKAS SURJ)
JUDGE

November 18, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No