

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

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CWP-26063-2022

Date of decision: 02.12.2022

Navjot Singh and another

....Petitioners

V/s

Union of India and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Arjun Dev, Advocate for
Mr. Vivek Thakur, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Shweta Nahata, Advocate for the respondents.

VIKAS SURI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners, who are minors, have invoked jurisdiction by preferring the present petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a direction to the Regional Passport Authority to issue passport to them, through their mother who is a single parent on account of divorce.

It is averred in the petition that the petitioners have to accompany their mother to the United States of America as their mother's sister and brother-in-law unfortunately passed away in USA on 31.08.2022.

Upon notice of motion, Ms. Shweta Nahata, Advocate had accepted notice on behalf of the respondents and sought time to obtain instructions to inform the Court regarding the current status of their applications, keeping in view the urgency pleaded in the petition.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that on submission of the respective application for issue of passport by the petitioners, it was pointed out that their mother is to also seek correction against the column for spouse name, in view of the decree of divorce. Accordingly, the mother of the petitioners namely Geeta Rani applied for necessary correction, which has since been granted and after carrying out the necessary correction, passport has been re-issued to her.

It is further submitted that the respective application of the petitioners for issue of passport would now be taken up for processing, however, they are required to first schedule an online appointment and then visit the Regional Passport Office, SCO No.42-51, Pocket-1 Near Bus Stand, DTO Office Road, Jalandhar. On doing so, the remaining formalities would be completed on the same day and subject to taking the aforesaid steps, passports would be issued to the petitioners within a week thereafter.

Learned counsel for the petitioners prays that in view of the aforesaid statement by learned counsel for the respondents, which is acceptable to them, the present petition be disposed of accordingly and the respondents be bound by their submissions noticed above.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and respective submissions on behalf of the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioners to visit the Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar along with their mother, on 08.12.2022 at 11:00 A.M., after reserving online appointment as noticed above and respondent No.2 will remain bound by its submissions before this Court, noticed above.

As a matter of abundant caution it is clarified that even after taking recourse to the aforesaid, if any grievance still survives, the parties would be at liberty to file an appropriate application seeking further orders as may be warranted or to seek revival of the writ petition.

This petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

December 02, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No