

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-940 of 2023

Date of Decision:23.03.2023

Meharban Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Ms. Vini Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel, UOI
for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondent-Passport Authorities to consider the application of the petitioner by which the grievance of the petitioner was for replacement of old photograph with new photograph on the passport.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, learned Senior Panel Counsel, Union of India appearing on behalf of the Passport Authorities submitted that the petitioner is supposed to supply some information and documents regarding which he will be communicated within a period of three weeks from today by way of a written communication and in case the petitioner supplies all the information as provided within a period of next three weeks then the application of the

petitioner will be considered and finalized within a period of four weeks thereafter.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner will submit all the requisite information in case it is so required by the Passport Authorities as aforesaid and submitted that time bound directions may be issued in this regard so that the grievance of the petitioner may be redressed.

In view of the aforesaid position whereby learned counsel for the respondent-Passport Authorities stated that a letter will be issued to the petitioner with regard to the requirements for considering the application and the same will be thereafter considered within a time framework, it is directed that the Passport Authorities may issue a letter to the petitioner requiring him to furnish information which is required by them and thereafter the petitioner shall supply the information within a period of three weeks. Thereafter, the Passport Authorities shall consider the application filed by the petitioner for the change of photograph in accordance with law within a period of four weeks thereafter.

The present writ petition is disposed of in view of the aforesaid directions.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

March 23, 2023

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	Whether reportable	:	Yes/No