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

CWP-1512-2023

Date of Decision: 03.02.2023

Dr. Bikramjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Ms. Avin Kaur Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shweta Nahata, Advocate for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondent No.2 to issue passport of the petitioner in terms of his application in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had filed an application for grant of passport but the same has not been issued by the Passport Authorities despite the fact that although there was an FIR against the petitioner but there is no challan presented against him till date and no Court has taken cognizance in that regard, and therefore, there is no impediment or any kind of embargo for non-issuing the passport to the petitioner. She further submitted that the petitioner has to travel abroad and his rights have been affected by the action of the respondents.

On the other hand, Ms. Shweta Nahata, learned counsel for the respondents has submitted that the process of issuing the passport is already completed by the respondent-Passport Authority and it will be issued to the petitioner very shortly.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that in view of the urgency where the petitioner is to travel abroad, some time and date may be fixed so that he can go to the Passport Office and collect the passport in view of the statement made by the learned counsel for the respondents today after obtaining instructions.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of. Learned counsel for the respondents-Passport Authorities has already made a statement after obtaining instructions from the concerned Passport Office that the passport will be issued to him. Therefore, the petitioner shall appear before respondent No.2-Regional Passport Officer on 07.02.2023 at 11.00 a.m for completion of further formalities. Thereafter, the concerned Passport Authority shall finalize the process of issuing the passport to the petitioner and the same shall be dispatched as early as possible and preferably within next two days or in the alternative the Passport Authority shall be at liberty to hand over passport to the petitioner personally.

03.02.2023*Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |