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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-2342-2023
Date of Decision: 06.02.2023

MEHAKPREET SINGH

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Sarbjit Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* directing respondent No. 2 to issue passport to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had filed an application for grant of passport to the Passport Authorities in the month of May, 2022 and it has been more than 8 months that the passport has not been processed and issued by the Passport Authorities. He submitted that he will be satisfied at this stage in case time bound directions are issued to the Passport Authorities to consider and finalize the application for grant of passport filed by the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the

respondent-Passport Authorities and states that the Passport Authorities have already requested the petitioner on 16.01.2023 to provide requisite documents to them in view of the fact that he was involved in one FIR and has submitted that in case the petitioner supplies all the requisite documents to the Passport Authorities, then final decision will be taken on the application of the petitioner for grant of passport.

At this stage, Mr. Sarbjit Singh, Advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the Passport Authorities have orally taken an objection that there was an FIR against the petitioner and he did not disclose in the application form whereas the FIR was lodged after the filing of the application and has submitted that even during the investigation of the aforesaid FIR, he has been found to be innocent and there is no impediment for the Passport Authorities to have not issued passport to the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the aforesaid limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and also statement made by the learned counsel for the respondent-Passport Authorities, the present petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

1. The petitioner shall appear before the Regional Passport Authority, Amritsar on 16.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M and shall provide all the requisite documents to the Passport Authorities including the status of the FIR in which he is stated to have been involved and the date of the lodging of the FIR. In case the Passport Authorities requires any other information or document, then the same shall

be communicated to the petitioner by way of written communication.

2. In case thereafter the petitioner is found to be entitled for the grant of passport, then the same shall be finalized and issued strictly in accordance with law within a period of three months thereafter. However, in case for any reason under the law, the petitioner is not found to be entitled for the grant of passport, then the Passport Authorities shall pass a well-reasoned speaking order within a period of three months as aforesaid and the same shall be communicated to the petitioner.

06.02.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No