

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

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**CM-4021 of 2023 in/and
CWP-2939 of 2023
Date of Decision: 16.03.2023**

Hardev Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Jagdish Singh Mahal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate,
for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

CM-4021 of 2023

Vide this application, the applicant-petitioner is seeking permission to place on record the copy of order dated 17.03.2020 passed in CRM-M-6414 of 2020.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the copy of order dated 17.03.2020 is taken on record as Annexure P-3 subject to all just exceptions.

Main case

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondent No.2 to re-issue/renewal the passport to the petitioner without any further delay.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had filed an application for grant of passport on 15.11.2021 but the same has not been issued by the respondent-Passport Authorities, nor any order has been passed and the action of the Passport Authorities was arbitrary.

On the other hand, Mr. Amit Sharma, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Passport Authorities submitted that he has sought instructions to state that the file/application of the petitioner has been closed since it was an old application and he has further instructions to state that in case the petitioner files a fresh application for grant of passport then the same shall be processed expeditiously and in accordance with law.

In view of the aforesaid stand taken by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Passport Authorities, it is directed that in the event of the petitioner filing a fresh application for the grant of passport, the same shall be considered and finalized by the Passport Authorities within a period of two months from the date of filing of the application by the petitioner. In case any further information is required from the petitioner then the Passport Authorities shall communicate the petitioner by way of a written communication and on the receipt of the same, the petitioner shall be duty bound to supply all the information which is so required.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of.

**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

March 16, 2023
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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No