

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

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CRM-M-11503-2023

Date of Decision: March 09, 2023

Buta Ram Ghai

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

Central Bureau of Investigation

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Ramneek Singh Baweja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shubhra Singh, Standing Counsel for CBI.

ANOOP CHITKARA J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed for release of original passport which is lying deposited with Ld. Special Judge, C.B.I., Mohali, Punjab and attached with the Judicial file in FIR no. RC.BD1/2002/E/0006 dated 26.11.2002 u/s 120-B, 420, 467, 468, 471, 477-A, of IPC Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988 registered at CBI, BS & FC, New Delhi (Annexure P1) for the purpose of getting it renewed/reissued.

2. Notices served upon the official respondent(s) through the counsel.
3. Counsel for the respondent has only formal objection to release the passport of the petitioner, which had already been expired wayback.
4. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the original passport is required for the purpose of renewal and he will go abroad only after due permission from the Court and he is not at flight risk.
5. Given the submission of counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to release the passport of the petitioner without any delay against proper receipt and verification provided that the petitioner shall hand over the photocopy of the passport duly counter signed by him on each and every page. He is also directed to supply the photocopy of passport after its renewal to the concerned CBI office or to the trial Court within a week after its receipt.
6. All pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

**(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE**

March 09, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: No