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

**CWP-6164-2022 (O&M)**  
**Date of Decision: 20.01.2023**

**SALONI CHANOTIA**

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

**UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS**

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present: Ms. Kiranpreet Kaur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate, for the respondents.

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**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 the official respondents to make necessary correction in the passport of the petitioner and the petitioner be allowed to renew the passport.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was holding a valid passport which expired in the year 2018 and thereafter, a fresh application was filed to the Passport Authorities vide Annexure P-6 in the year 2021 but the same was not processed by the Passport Authorities since in the earlier passport, the date of birth was mentioned as 11.10.2000 which is clear from Annexure P-3 and that date of birth was incorporated on the basis of Birth Certificate (Annexure P-1).

However, the date of birth was got corrected by the petitioner by issuance of another Birth Certificate from the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Punjab vide Annexure P-5 whereby the actual date of birth of the petitioner was 15.09.2000 and this was the objection which was raised by the Passport Authorities that in the earlier passport, the date of birth was different but in the fresh application, the date of birth was different. She submitted that actually the date of birth of the petitioner had already been rectified by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Punjab vide Annexure P-5 and therefore, the date of birth of the petitioner is 15.09.2000 in accordance with the Birth Certificate (Annexure P-5).

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents has submitted that she has sought instructions from the concerned Passport Authorities to state that the Birth Certificate (Annexure P-5) has been verified from the concerned department and it was found to be correct. This exercise was undertaken in view of the order passed by this Court on 24.11.2022 and therefore, now since the Birth Certificate (Annexure P-5) has already been verified, the Passport Authorities will now finalise the issuance of passport to the petitioner on the basis of the date of birth which is incorporated in Annexure P-5 i.e. 15.09.2000.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The only prayer of the petitioner in the present case is that the Passport Authorities are not issuing the passport which was applied by the petitioner vide Annexure P-6 by raising an objection that the date of

birth which was in the earlier passport did not match with the new date of birth vide Annexure P-5. However, now the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-Passport Authorities has categorically submitted that Annexure P-5 which is the correct date of birth as provided by the petitioner has already been verified from the concerned department and the application of the petitioner vide Annexure P-6 will be processed in due course in accordance with Birth Certificate (Annexure P- 5).

In view of the above, this Court deems it fit and proper to direct the Passport Authorities to consider and finalise the application for issuance of passport to the petitioner in accordance with law and within a period of two months from today.

The present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

20.01.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)  
JUDGE

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