

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

206

CWP-7142 of 2020

Date of Decision:02.03.2023

Bhupinder Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Sudhanshu Khanna, Advocate, for
Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K. Vashist, Senior Panel Counsel
for respondents No.1 and 2.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab
for respondents No.3 and 4.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

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 respondents No.1 and 2 to issue the passport to the petitioner on the basis of application filed by him.

Learned counsel for the Passport Authorities at this stage submitted that the application which was filed by the petitioner for the issuance/renewal of the passport has since been closed and submitted that the petitioner was convicted in the year 2014. Learned counsel further submitted that since the application for grant of passport/renewal of the passport has been closed by the Passport Authorities therefore no further process could be

undertaken. However, in case the petitioner files any fresh application for grant of passport to the Passport Authorities, then the same shall be processed as expeditiously as possible and in accordance with law.

In view of the statement made by learned counsel for the Passport Authorities, the present petition is dismissed. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to make any fresh application to the Passport Authorities in accordance with law and in case any such application is so filed, then as per the statement made by learned counsel for the Passport Authorities, the same shall be processed expeditiously.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No