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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-7830-2023

Date of Decision:29.08.2023

PREM SINGH

..... Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : Mr. R.S. Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate
for respondents No.1 and 3.

Mr. Deepanjay Sharma, DAG, Punjab
for respondents No.2, 4 and 5.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of order dated 02.06.2022 (Annexure P-10) whereby learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana has rejected application of the petitioner seeking direction to passport authority to renew his passport. The petitioner is further seeking direction to respondents to renew his passport.

2. Learned State counsel submits that petitioner was involved in five FIRs. The petitioner has been released on probation in FIR No.06 dated 06.10.2001. The petitioner was acquitted in FIR No.100 dated 25.03.2005. In FIR No.42 dated 01.03.2008, the petitioner was sentenced to pay fine of Rs.2,000/-. In FIR No.61 dated 28.02.2010, the petitioner was acquitted vide judgment dated 18.12.2014. In FIR No.196 dated

11.09.2012, the petitioner was convicted and awarded sentence of 3 months. The petitioner has filed appeal against the said judgment of conviction which is pending before Appellate Court.

3. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 3 submits that application of the petitioner has already been closed. He concedes though petitioner was involved in five FIRs, yet in none of FIR petitioner was sentenced to imprisonment of 2 years and no trial at present is pending against the petitioner. He further submits that if petitioner files fresh application, it would be adjudicated within 6 weeks from today in accordance with law.

4. The petition stands disposed of with liberty to petitioner to file fresh application seeking passport which would be disposed of within 6 weeks from the date of application in accordance with law.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

29.08.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>