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

**CWP-10094-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.05.2023**

BALBIR SINGH

.. Petitioner

Vs.

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Paras Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Sr. Panel Counsel
for respondents No.1 and 2-UOI.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing respondents No.1 and 2 to take an appropriate action against respondent No.4 on the basis of discreet enquiry report dated 17.12.2021 (Annexure P-3) sent by respondent No.3 to respondent No.2-Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel submits that the official respondents have wrongly renewed the passport of respondent No.4-Gurmail Singh Sohi and though the discreet enquiry of respondent No.4 was conducted, but the same has been ignored while renewing the passport. He submits that one Bahadar Singh s/o Kartar Singh also got a case FIR No.125 dated 20.11.2022, under Sections 447, 511 and 427 IPC, 1860 at Police Station Sandaur, District Malerkotla registered against respondent No.4, therefore, the petitioner moved an application before the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh for taking strict action against Gurmail Singh Sohi (respondent No.4) and his

wife, but no action is being taken against him, therefore, the interference by this Court is warranted.

Upon hearing the learned counsel and considering the pleadings in the writ petition, this Court finds that initially the passport issued in favour of respondent No.4 carried the validity period w.e.f. 10.08.2005 to 09.08.2015 and later, it was renewed w.e.f. 19.06.2015 to 18.06.2025. The reliance by the petitioner on complaint dated 29.11.2021 (Annexure P-1) to the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh cannot be attached much significance, as this was given much after the renewal of the passport. There is nothing on record to show that the authorities while renewing the passport have not done the required verification. Further, the argument that a case bearing FIR No.125 dated 20.11.2022, under Sections 447, 511 and 427 IPC, 1860 at Police Station Sandaur, District Malerkotla is registered against respondent No.4 is also devoid of merit as this case is registered much after the renewal of the passport.

Resultantly, this Court is not inclined to exercise the extraordinary writ jurisdiction under Article 226 Constitution of India.

Dismissed.

10.05.2023
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No