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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-15207-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.02.2023

KAPIL SETHI

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr.Anuj Balian, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Shweta Nehata, Advocate, for respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. Harsh Vardhan Sherawat, AAG, Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* directing the respondents to decide the passport application dated 24.08.2020.

At the outset, learned counsel for the parties have submitted that during the pendency of the present petition, the petitioner has already been issued a passport for a period of one year which is still in operation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that since the passport was issued only for one year and therefore at this stage the present petition would not survive but he may be granted liberty to file a fresh application to the Passport Authorities well in time so that fresh passport may be issued in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the Passport Authorities has submitted

that she has no objection in case the petitioner files any fresh application for grant of fresh passport in accordance with law and in case such an application is filed, then it will be considered and finalized expeditiously and in accordance with law.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of.

Needless to say that in case the petitioner files any fresh application for grant of passport, then as per the statement made by the learned counsel for the Passport Authorities, the same shall be dealt with and finalized as expeditiously as possible.

22.02.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No