

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

CWP-14166-2023

Date of Decision:07.07.2023

SAUDAGAR MOHAMMAD

..... Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : Mr. S.K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate
for the respondents.

Mr. Maninder Singh, DAG, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents No.1 and 2 to re-issue passport considering the fact that petitioner has already been acquitted in the alleged criminal case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that on 26.03.2012, the petitioner was issued passport which was valid up to 25.03.2022. The petitioner applied for re-issuance of passport, however, respondent has not re-issued on the ground that police verification report is not clear. An FIR No.60 dated 05.12.2015, under Sections 457, 380, 447, 294, 323, 506, 120B and 201 of IPC, was registered against the petitioner. The petitioner was acquitted vide judgment dated 25.07.2019 passed by JMIC, Malerkotla. The complainant preferred an appeal before Appellate Court which came to be withdrawn, thus, at present no case is pending against the petitioner.

3. Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate who on advance notice is present in Court on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 submits that petitioner may be directed to appear before respondent No.2 alongwith all requisite documents. The Passport Authority would redress grievance of the petitioner.

4. In view of statement of learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to petitioner to appear before respondent No.2 on 20.07.2023 alongwith all requisite documents. On doing so, respondent No.2 would pass an appropriate order within a period of 4 weeks from 20.07.2023.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

07.07.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>