

205 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16265-2018(O&M)
Date of decision 11.04.2023

JASVIR SINGH

....Petitioner

Verses

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Sahil Soi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocates
for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J (Oral):

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to issue the passport to the petitioner after completing all the formalities.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had filed an application in the year 2017 to the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar-respondent No.2 but the application has neither been processed nor the petitioner has been granted his passport and the said application is still pending with the Passport Authority.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents has submitted that the application of the petitioner is kept pending because some information was sought from the petitioner with regard to various documents which was not supplied including the details of the earlier passport and other information. Such information has not been supplied by

the petitioner. He further submitted that in case the petitioner supplies all the information/documents which are so required by the Regional Passport Authority, then the same shall be considered and the application of the petitioner shall be processed immediately and a decision will be taken on that within a period of 4 weeks.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The application of the petitioner before the Regional Passport Authority is pending since 2017. The stand which is taken by the respondent-Passport Authority that the petitioner had not supplied documents as required by the Passport Authority due to which the passport application could not be processed.

In view of the same, the present writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

1. The petitioner shall appear before respondent No.2-Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar on 24.04.2023 at 11:00 am and shall supply all the requisite documents to the concerned Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar. In case the Regional Passport Officer requires some other documents from the petitioner then the same shall be communicated through a written communication and in that eventuality, the petitioner shall supply those requisite documents as well.
2. The petitioner shall be bound to supply all the information/documents required by the Regional Passport Officer alongwith affidavit supporting the same within next 3 weeks from the aforesaid date.
3. Thereafter, the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar shall pass an order on the aforesaid application filed by the petitioner after

considering all the documents supplied by the petitioner within a period of

next 4 weeks and supply a copy of the order to the petitioner.

4. In case the petitioner is found to be entitled for the grant of passport, then the same shall be issued within 2 weeks thereafter and in case for any reason and in accordance with law, the petitioner is not found to be entitled for the passport, then the Regional Passport Officer shall give reasons for the same in the order.

In view of the aforesaid directions, the present petition is disposed of.

11.04.2023
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>