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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16036-2023

Date of Decision:27.07.2023

PARDEEP CHOPRA

..... Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : Mr. Jagat Vir Dhindsa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel,
for the respondent- UOI.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to issue/renew passport of the petitioner.

2. The petitioner was issued passport on 25.05.2013 which was valid up to 24.05.2023. The petitioner applied for renewal of passport, however, passport authority has withheld application of the petitioner on the ground that petitioner has concealed fact of FIR against him.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner has duly disclosed pendency of FIR in his application seeking renewal of passport. The petitioner has further sought permission from Trial Court to get his passport renewed. The Trial Court vide order dated 24.03.2023 (Annexure P-2) has directed the authorities to reissue/renew passport, in accordance with law, however, respondent has not issued passport.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that application of the petitioner considering order dated 24.03.2023 passed by Trial Court would be decided expeditiously.

5. In view of statement of learned counsel for the respondent and considering the order dated 24.03.2023 passed by JMIC, Chandigarh, the respondent is directed to decide application of the petitioner within 6 weeks from today. The Passport Authority is further directed to consider case of the petitioner to issue passport for 5 years.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

27.07.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>