

CWP-23945-2019
Date of decision 01.02.2023

SANTOKHPAL SINGH

...Petitioner

Verses

UNION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Harmanpreet Sehgal, Advocate
for the petitioner.Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate
for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J (Oral):

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of direction to the respondents in the nature of mandamus to rectify the clerical error in the name of the petitioner and issue fresh passport.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had submitted an application to the Passport Authorities for the aforesaid purpose and the fresh application was also filed on 22.11.2022 but no action has been taken by the Passport Authorities till date. He has submitted that he will be satisfied in case the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Passport Authorities to process the application which has been filed by the petitioner in accordance with law and to finalise the aforesaid application within time bound manner and he also undertakes to supply all the requisite documents as required by the

Passport Authorities.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Passport Authorities have also stated that he has instructions to say that in case, the petitioner supplies all the requisite documents to the Passport Authorities, the application will be processed expeditiously and shall also be finalised within a period of 8 weeks.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances and the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is hereby disposed of with the following directions:

1. The petitioner will appear before respondent No.2 on 09.02.2023 at 11:00 am and shall supply all the requisite documents to the concerned Passport Authorities i.e. Passport Sewa Kendra, Amritsar. In case the Passport Authorities require any further document from the petitioner then the same shall be communicated to the petitioner by way of a written communication.
2. Thereafter, in case the Passport Authorities find that petitioner is entitled for the rectification of the name, then the needful shall be done within a period of 3 weeks and in case the Passport Authorities are of the view that the petitioner is not entitled for the rectification then the aforesaid Passport Authorities shall pass a well reasoned speaking order in this regard. The entire exercise has to be completed within a period of 8 weeks from today.

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

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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