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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-22359-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.03.2023**

Gurpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Angad Parmar, Advocate for
Mr. V.K. Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel,
for respondent Nos.1 & 2-UOI.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of any appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to issue passport to the petitioner with a further prayer to direct the respondent Nos.3 to 5 to send the police clearance to the office of respondent No.2 for issuance of passport to the petitioner.

On 11.01.2023, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Passport Authority had submitted that the matter with regard to the issuance of the passport to the petitioner is being considered and the petitioner has been asked to appear before the Regional Passport Authority, Jalandhar and

the learned counsel for the petitioner had submitted that the petitioner will appear before the Regional Passport Authority within a period of two weeks in this regard.

Today, learned counsel for the Passport Authority has submitted that various documents are required from the petitioner especially pertaining to proof of his latest address, but the petitioner is neither submitting the documents nor he has appeared before the Passport Authorities even as per the statement given by the learned counsel for the petitioner on 11.01.2023 that the petitioner will appear before the Passport Authority within a period of two weeks and almost two months have elapsed that he has not even appeared.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he is not able to contact the petitioner.

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

However, in case the petitioner now appears before the Passport Authority within four weeks from today, and submits all the necessary documents in accordance with law, then the Passport Authority shall consider and proceed with the application filed by the petitioner in accordance with law.

10.03.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |