

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

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CWP-18592-2023

Date of Decision: 24.08.2023

Manjit Kaur Johal

...Petitioner

Versus

Passport Seva Kendra Jalandhar and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Shweta Nahata, Advocate
for Union of India-respondentsMr. Deepanjay Sharma, DAG, Punjab
(assisted by ASI Sulkhan Singh)

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to re-issue her passport.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner was issued passport on 25.03.2013 which was valid up to 24.03.2023. An FIR No.27 dated 17.04.2021 under Sections 406, 498-A, 506, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 came to be registered against the petitioner.

3. The petitioner preferred *CRM-M-13963-2022* before this Court seeking anticipatory bail. The petitioner was granted concession of anticipatory bail and she was further directed to surrender her passport.

The petitioner has surrendered her passport to the Investigating Officer,

however, her passport has expired on 24.03.2023. The petitioner is seeking re-issuance of her passport.

4. Mr. Deepanjay Sharma, DAG Punjab as well as Ms. Shweta Nahata, learned counsel for the respondents submits that passport of the petitioner can be renewed but it cannot be handed over to the petitioner unless and until an appropriate order is passed by Trial Court or by the Court which has granted anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The petitioner does not dispute the aforesaid arrangement proposed by learned counsel for the respondents.

6. In the wake of statement of both sides, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent-authority to reissue/renew passport of the petitioner which would be directly deposited with the Investigating Officer.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

24.08.2023
Mohit Kumar

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