

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

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**CWP-23659 of 2021
Date of Decision: 20.02.2023**

Jagir Singh Bedi

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Mandeep Sindhu, Advocate, for
Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, 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 a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to correct the date of birth of the petitioner in his passport from 17.03.1944 to 27.03.1944 keeping in view the original documents submitted by the petitioner.

In the present case, the prayer of the petitioner is for the change of date of birth of the petitioner in his passport and a perusal of the earlier orders passed by this Court would show that on 10.02.2022 learned counsel for the respondents had submitted before this Court that the petitioner has been called to the office today and therefore sought an adjournment. On 30.03.2022 learned counsel for the petitioner had sought one more opportunity to appear before the Passport Authorities and therefore this Court had directed the petitioner to appear before respondent No.2 on 12.04.2022 at 10:00 AM. It was

further directed that in case he does not appear again then he shall face the necessary consequences. Thereafter, on 11.05.2022 learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for an adjournment. When the matter thereafter came up for 02.08.2022 learned counsel for the respondents had submitted before this Court that the petitioner did not put in appearance on 12.04.2022 at 10:00 AM as directed by this Court vide order dated 30.03.2022. Thereafter, again the matter was adjourned twice.

Today, again the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he has not been able to obtain instructions from the petitioner and at the same time learned counsel for the respondents submitted that the petitioner has not appeared before the Passport Authorities in compliance of the order passed by this Court.

In view of the aforesaid position, the present petition is dismissed.

However, dismissal of the present petition would not mean that the petitioner is debarred from appearing before the Passport Authorities for pursuing his application which he may do so in accordance with law.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

February 20, 2023
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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No