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

CWP-23343-2022

Date of Decision: 25.01.2023

Manpreet Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate for respondents-UOI.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to make necessary correction in respect of Date of Birth of the petitioner in her passport.

On the last date of hearing, learned counsel for the respondents-UOI had sought more time to file reply and last opportunity was granted to file the same.

Today, Ms. Amrita Singh, learned counsel for the respondents-UOI has submitted that in fact they do not wish to file reply because the application of the petitioner is already under process and decision on the application for correction in respect of date of birth shall be considered and decided by the Passport Authority within a period of six weeks from today.

Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned counsel for the

respondents have submitted that they have no objection in case the present petition is disposed of at this stage with a direction to the respondents for taking a final decision on the application filed by the petitioner for correction of date of birth in the passport of the petitioner.

In view of the aforesaid position and the statement made by the learned counsel for the respondents that the application of the petitioner is in process and will be finalized within a period of six weeks from today, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Regional Passport Officer to consider and take a final decision on the application filed by the petitioner for the correction of her date of birth in the passport within a period of six weeks from today.

Needless to say that in case for any reason the petitioner is to be denied the relief sought by her then a well-reasoned speaking order shall be passed by respondent No.2 in this regard within the aforesaid time framework.

25.01.2023*Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)****JUDGE**

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