

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-19779-2023
Date of Decision: 25.09.2023

Satnam Singh Rai

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Harneet Singh Oberoi, Advocate
for Union of India-respondent Nos.1 and 2
Mr. Deepanjay Sharma, DAG, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner, through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 and 2 to re-issue his passport. Further, the petitioner is also seeking correction of name of his spouse in the passport.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner was convicted in 2014. The petitioner was awarded sentence of five years. The petitioner preferred appeal before this Court and sentence of the petitioner was suspended. The case of the petitioner does not fall within purview of Section 6(2)(e) of the Passport Act, 1967, thus, petitioner is entitled to passport.
3. Mr. Harneet Singh Oberoi, learned counsel for respondent Nos.1 to 3 submits that petitioner has already been directed to appear before

competent authority on 05.10.2023. He may be directed to appear on the said date along with all requisite documents. He assures this Court that Passport Authority would look into the grievance of the petitioner and redress the same within six weeks.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the afore-stated arrangement.

5. In the wake of statements of both sides, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to pass appropriate order within 6 weeks from 05.10.2023 i.e. the date of appearance of the petitioner before the passport authority.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

25.09.2023
Mohit Kumar

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