

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

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CWP-231 of 2022

Date of Decision: 02.03.2023

Paramjit Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Neha 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 *certiorati* for quashing of the impugned order dated 07.12.2021 (Annexure P-6) vide which the claim of the petitioner to re-issue the passport to the petitioner has been rejected.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was convicted in FIR No.130 dated 26.10.2009, under Sections 307, 326, 324, 323, 506, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar vide judgment dated 19.12.2014 and thereafter he filed an application for grant of passport on 25.04.2019 but the same has been rejected by the Passport Authorities.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the Passport Authorities submitted that the petitioner filed an application for grant of passport within a period of five years from the date of conviction and therefore the passport could not have been granted to the petitioner even though in the impugned

order it has been so stated that the petitioner may approach this Court where the appeal against his conviction is pending. She submitted that be that as it may in case the petitioner now files a fresh application for grant of passport because five years after conviction has already elapsed then the fresh application, if any, of the petitioner shall be considered strictly in accordance with law and shall be processed and finalized expeditiously.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the aforesaid factual position, where the learned counsel appearing on behalf of Passport Authorities submitted that in case the petitioner files a fresh application for grant of passport then the same shall be considered and finalized expeditiously, this Court deems it fit and proper to direct the Passport Authorities that in case the petitioner files any fresh application for grant of passport within a period of one month from today, then the same will be processed and finalized by the Passport Authorities within a period of two months thereafter. In case any further information is required from the petitioner then the petitioner shall be communicated by way of written communication.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with the above directions.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

March 02, 2023

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	Whether reportable	:	Yes/No