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

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Date of Decision: 05.10.2023

Manjit Singh**...Petitioner**

Versus

Union of India and Others**...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present:- Mr. Abhishek Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Amrita Singh, Central Govt. Counsel,
for Union of India-respondents

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 No.3 to issue passport to the petitioner.

2. The petitioner vide application dated 13.06.2023 applied for issuance of passport. An FIR No.223 dated 06.12.2002 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 471, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC') at Police Station City Mansa, District Mansa was registered against the petitioner. The Trial Court held the petitioner guilty and vide judgment dated 10.09.2011 awarded sentence of 3 years rigorous imprisonment. The petitioner preferred an appeal before the Sessions Court which upheld judgment of the Trial Court. The petitioner has preferred Criminal Revision bearing *CRR No.1519 of 2018* before this Court. The sentence of the petitioner stands suspended

vide order dated 03.12.2018 passed by this Court.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that case of the petitioner is squarely covered by judgment of *Mohan Lal @ Mohna Versus Union of India and Others; 2023 SCC OnLine 1391*.
4. Ms. Amrita Singh, Central Govt. Counsel, who on advance notice is present in Court, submits that petitioner may be directed to appear before the competent authority along with all requisite documents on 12.10.2023 at 10:00 AM and competent authority would pass an appropriate order within 4 weeks considering judgment of *Mohan Lal (supra)* passed by this Court.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the said arrangement.
6. In the wake of statements of learned counsels for the parties, the present petition stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

05.10.2023
Mohit Kumar

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