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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-27328-2022

Date of Decision: 17.04.2023

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Jaswinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present: Mr. Rupinderjeet Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate,  
for the respondents.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)**

In pursuance of the last order dated 29.03.2023, Mr. Anup Singh, Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar is present in Court today.

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to re-issue the passport of the petitioner by registering the names of her real/natural/biological parents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that despite the application filed by the petitioner no action has been taken by the respondents- Passport Authorities and despite the fact that even appointment was also scheduled in this regard.

However, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Passport Authorities has at the outset stated on instruction received from respondent No.5- the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar, who is present in Court that the file of

the petitioner will be processed as expeditiously as possible and it will be finalized within a period of three weeks from today after getting appropriate report from the Police in this regard. She further submitted that after receiving the report and after processing the file in accordance with law, in case the names of the petitioner's real/natural/biological parents are to be incorporated then the same will be done within next three weeks and in case for any reason under the law, the same cannot be done then in that case, the concerned Passport Authority will pass a well reasoned speaking order and that too within the aforesaid period of three weeks.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has further stated on instruction that the petitioner or her counsel may be afforded an opportunity of hearing at the time of processing of the application.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the aforesaid stand taken by the learned counsel for the Passport Authorities on instruction from the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar, who is present in Court, the present petition can be disposed of with the following directions:-

1. The petitioner shall appear before the respondent No.5-Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar on 24.04.2023 at 11.00 a.m. either herself or through her counsel. The Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar, who is present in Court shall hear the petitioner or her counsel on the aforesaid date and time.
2. Thereafter, as per the statement made by the Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar, the file of the petitioner shall be processed within a period of three weeks from today.
3. After processing the file, in case, the Passport Authority comes to

the conclusion that the petitioner is found to be entitled for the relief claimed with regard to the substituting the names of her real/natural/biological parents, then the same shall be done within next two weeks and in case for any reason under the law the petitioner is found to be not entitled for the same, then the Regional Passport Officer shall pass a well-reasoned speaking order within next two weeks.

In view of the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is disposed of.

17.04.2023

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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

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