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

**CWP-28819-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.02.2023**

Parminder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate,
for respondent Nos.1, 3 & 4.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

CM-3029-CWP-2023

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the additional affidavit accompanying with documents as Annexures P-3 and P-4 are taken on record, subject to all just exceptions.

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The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents-Authorities to issue/re-issue the passport to the petitioner.

At the outset, Ms. Amrita Singh, learned counsel for respondent Nos.1, 3 & 4-Passport Authorities submitted that earlier the petitioner had filed a number of applications and they have already been closed. She further submitted that in case the petitioner files any fresh application, then the same will be considered and finalized at the earliest and within a period of three months.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in view of the aforesaid position, liberty may be granted to the petitioner to file a fresh application in accordance with law so that the same can be processed within a time framework as stated by learned counsel for the respondents-Passport Authorities.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh application for grant of passport to the Passport Authorities strictly in accordance with law.

In the event of filing of any application as aforesaid, the Passport Authority shall be bound to consider and finalize the same strictly in accordance with law and within a period of three months thereafter.

17.02.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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