

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

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**2023:PHHC:151319
CWP No.26068 of 2023
Date of Decision:29.11.2023**

Manraj Kaur (Minor)

....Petitioner

VS.

Union of India and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Pritpal Singh Miglani, Advocate
for the petitioner

Ms. Archana Vashisht, Central Govt. Counsel
for the Union of India

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. 2 to re-issue her passport.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that mother of the petitioner has solemnized second married and petitioner has applied for passport with name of step father in the column of particulars of father. The respondent has formed an opinion that passport can be issued only with name of biological father. This Court in **Mohit vs. Union of India 2017(1) RCR(Civil) 1003** has held that passport can be issued with step father's name.

3. Faced with this, learned counsel for Union of India submits that petitioner may be directed to appear before passport authority alongwith her

parents and requisite documents. On doing so, passport authority, considering the aforesaid judgment, would pass an appropriate order within six weeks.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid arrangement.

5. In the wake of statements of both sides, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to petitioner to appear before passport authority on 12.12.2023 alongwith her parents and relevant documents.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

29.11.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No