

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-30464 of 2018
Date of Decision:25.04.2023

Rakesh Goel

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Shweta Nahata, Advocate,
for respondents No.1 and 2-UI

Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing of the communication dated 07.08.2017 (Annexure P-1) by which the passport of the petitioner was impounded.

2. Since the present petition went unrepresented for the last number of dates and on the last date of hearing learned counsel for the petitioner had stated that the petitioner has withdrawn instructions from him and he was discharged from the present case and notice was issued to the petitioner.

3. The Registry of this Court has informed that the petitioner has been served.

4. Today, neither the petitioner has appeared nor any other counsel

has appeared on his behalf.

5. At this stage, Ms. Shweta Nahata, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents No.1 and 2-Passport Authorities has submitted that the passport of the petitioner which was impounded has otherwise also expired and now the petitioner has visited the passport office and has filed a fresh application for grant of passport which is in process and will be considered and finalized as expeditiously as possible.

6. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents No.1 and 2-Passport Authorities to consider and finalize the application of the petitioner for grant of passport in accordance with law as early as possible.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

April 25, 2023
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No