

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

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**2024:PHHC:008374  
CWP No. 642 of 2024  
Date of Decision:23.01.2024**

**Ritu Bala**

**....Petitioner**

VS.

**Union of India and others**

**....Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: Mr. Vikram Sharma, Advocate  
for the petitioner

Ms. Shruti, Central Government Counsel  
for the Union of India

Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab

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**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 her passport.

2.           The petitioner vide application dated 28.06.2022 applied for passport. An FIR No. 15 dated 23.02.2021, under Sections 420, 421, 188, 120-B of IPC came to be registered against the petitioner at Police Station Sadar Budhlada, District Mansa. The petitioner has been granted concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 23.05.2022 passed by this Court in CRM-M-14588 of 2021. As on date police has not filed its report under Section 173 Cr.P.C.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that case of the petitioner is squarely covered by judgment of this Court in **Mohan Lal @ Mohna vs. Union of India and others 2023 SCC Online P&H 1391**.

4. Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab, on instructions from HC Pal Singh, submits that it is factually correct that till date challan has not been presented against the petitioner.

5. Faced with this, counsel for Union of India submits that application of the petitioner shall be processed and adjudicated within six weeks from today. In case, passport authority comes to a conclusion that petitioner is not entitled to passport, he would be granted an opportunity of hearing.

6. In the wake of statement of counsel for Union of India, the instant petition stands disposed of.

**(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**23.01.2024**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No  
Whether reportable: Yes/No