

2024:PHHC:098459



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-11033-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 01.08.2024

Simranjit Singh Mann ...Petitioner
VERSUS

Union of India ...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. S.S. Sandhu, Advocate for
Mr. Ranjan Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Panel Counsel,
for the respondent-UOI.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present petition is to the order intimated through email dated 13.04.2023 passed on the application moved by the petitioner for Political Clearance to visit Canada.

Learned senior counsel for respondent-UOI (Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi), on instructions from Mr. Rishi Pal, Under Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, contends that as per the provisions, a Political Clearance was required as the petitioner was a Member of Parliament at the relevant time. Since the petitioner is no more a Member of Parliament, hence, no such Political Clearance is now required.

The question raised in the present petition is thus only academic.

The present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous at this stage while leaving the academic question open.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

01.08.2024
Mangal Singh

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