

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH



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CWP No. 25028 of 2024 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 4th October, 2024

Mandeep Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

Union of India and others

.....RESPONDENTS

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

Present: Mr. S.S. Sahu, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Prajwal Chauhan, Advocate for respondents No.1 and 2.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J (ORAL)

Challenge in the present petition is to the Communication dated 08.08.2024 issued by the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, whereby the petitioner has been issued a notice as to why the Passport bearing number V0833902 dated 30.04.2021 issued to the petitioner be not impounded on the allegation that a police verification certificate submitted by the petitioner along with file No-CH3086972273624 dated 30.04.2021 stated incorrect particulars.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has vehemently argued that there was no mis-declaration or wrong documents furnished by the petitioner at the time of submission of his application for grant of passport and after due and proper police verification, the above said passport had been issued to petitioner on 30.04.2021.

On being confronted, counsel for the respondents contends that the communication under challenge is merely a show cause notice and that

the petitioner is required to respond to the said notice by submitting all the details and documents as are necessary to establish his claim.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he shall do the needful but the respondent-authorities may be directed to take an appropriate decision in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2-Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, has no objection to the same.

The present writ petition is accordingly disposed of as not pressed at this stage with liberty to the petitioner to appear before the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh and submit his reply to the show cause notice bearing Letter Reference No. SCN/328054094/24 dated 08.08.2024. Needless to mention that in the event of submission of the requisite documents showing the involvement of petitioner in any criminal case establish that no false certificate has been furnished, appropriate decision shall be taken by the respondent in a time bond manner and preferably within a period of six weeks.

4th October, 2024

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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No