



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

**CWP-29094-2024(O&M)
Date of decision : 18.11.2024**

Himansh Verma

...Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Puneet Bali, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate
Ms. Niharika Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shreyansi Verma, Advocate
for the respondents-UI.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner's passport has been impounded. He attempted to file an appeal alongwith Court fee of Rs. 25/- through online process, which was not accepted as the status of the petitioner's passport application on the website was not updated. Learned counsel representing the respondent does not dispute that position. Thereafter, the petitioner sent a demand draft of Rs. 25/-, which has again not been accepted.
2. During the course of hearing, a copy of the order passed on 20.01.2022, impounding petitioner's passport has been supplied.
3. Learned counsel representing the respondents submits that the petitioner should visit the office of Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh to deposit Rs. 25/-.



4. Since the petitioner has already filed the appeal, the Court fee of Rs. 25/- stands waived off because he has already made two attempts to deposit the said Court fees.
5. The petitioner will supply a copy of the impugned order to the Chief Passport Officer, New Delhi, who will decide the appeal without insisting on payment of Court fee of Rs.25/- within a period of 10 days after granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. If the Chief Passport Officer fails to decide the petition, the petitioner will have liberty to revisit the Court.
6. The petition stands disposed of.

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No