

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

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**2024:PHHC:006118
CWP No.28630 of 2023
Date of Decision:18.01.2024**

Jagjit Singh

....Petitioner

VS.

Union of India and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Ms. Pratula Sethi, Advocate
for the petitioner (through VC)

Ms. Ruchita Garg, Central Govt. Counsel
for the Union of India

Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab

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 re-issue him passport.

2. The petitioner was issued passport which was valid upto 25.11.2020. Three FIRs came to be registered against the petitioner. The petitioner has already been acquitted in FIR No. 4 dated 10.01.2014 and FIR No. 152 dated 24.09.2016. The petitioner was convicted in FIR No.95 dated 02.07.2013. The petitioner was released on probation and fine of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed which he has already paid.

3. Ms. Ruchita Garg, counsel for Union of India submits that petitioner has been issued show cause notice as there is adverse police verification report.

4. Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab, on instructions from ASI OM Parkash, submits that petitioner was acquitted in FIR No. 152 dated 24.09.2016 vide judgment dated 15.09.2023 whereas police verification report was submitted much prior to said date, thus, adverse report was forwarded.

5. Faced with this, counsel for Union of India submits that petitioner may be directed to appear before the passport authority alongwith requisite documents. Thereafter, the passport authority would pass an appropriate order within six weeks.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid arrangement.

7. In the wake of statements of both sides, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to petitioner to appear before the passport authority on 13.02.2024 alongwith requisite documents. On doing so, the passport authority would pass an appropriate order within six weeks from 13.02.2024.

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(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE