



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

Sr. No. 106

CWP-34872-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision:20.12.2024

Kuljeet Singh

... Petitioner

Vs

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh Sirphikhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Karan Kumar Jund, Senior Panel Counsel
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Mandeep Singh Teji, AAG, Punjab
for respondent No.4.

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ANIL KSHETARPAL,J.(ORAL)

1. The petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents particularly Regional Passport Officer to re-issue him a passport, which was applied on 16.10.2024.
2. It has been disclosed that the previous passport issued to the petitioner expired on 20.11.2024. It has also been disclosed that the petitioner was an accused in FIR No.35 dated 28.02.2020, which has been quashed by this Court on 07.12.2022. Similarly, in FIR No. 285, dated 25.12.2018 registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985, the petitioner was convicted and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period already undergone and to pay a fine of Rs.1000/-. For violating Covid restrictions, the petitioner is stated to be involved in FIR No.65 dated 21.05.2020 under Sections 188, 269 and 270 IPC, registered at Police Station Verka, Amritsar, in which final report has been submitted in the Court. However, cognizance has not been taken by the

Court.



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3. Learned counsel representing parties admit that on account of interim order passed by this Court, further proceedings in the aforesaid FIR No.65 dated 21.05.2020 are stayed.
4. Learned counsel representing Regional Passport Officer submits that adverse police verification report has been received, which has resulted in non-issuance of passport.
5. Learned State counsel has submitted that a revised police verification report shall be forwarded to concerned Regional Passport Officer within 15 days disclosing that the cognizance in FIR No. 65 dated 21.05.2020 has not been taken by the Court.
6. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the concerned Regional Passport Officer to process petitioner’s application within a period of six weeks from the date revised police verification report is received from the Punjab Police.
7. With the above observations, the present petition is disposed of.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No