

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-4447-2025 (O/M)

Date of decision : 18.02.2025

Sandeep Seth and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present :- Ms. Sujata, Advocate for
Mr. Sidhant Vermani, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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HARSH BUNGER, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant civil writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondents to consider the applications submitted by the petitioners for re-issuance of the passports.

2. In pursuance of advance copy of petition having been served upon respondents, Ms. Sangeeta Srivastava, Advocate appears and handed over copies of three letters dated 18.01.2023, 02.12.2023 and 14.03.2024, whereby certain clarifications were asked from the petitioners. The copies of said letters, handed over in Court today, are taken on record subject to all just exceptions and copies thereof have been supplied to counsel opposite.

3. Learned counsel for respondents submits that the petitioners have not responded to the said letters dated 18.01.2023, 02.12.2023 and 14.03.2024 and even as per online status dated 17.01.2025 (Annexure P-1), the passport application of the petitioner No. 1 was put on hold as the required documents have not been supplied. Further, as per Annexure P-1, the file of the petitioner No. 1 will be closed, if such documents are not submitted by 17.04.2025.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners may be permitted to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to approach the concerned passport authorities in response to the aforesaid letters dated 18.01.2023, 02.12.2023 and 14.03.2024 and also to submit documents, as may be desired by the passport authorities.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. It goes without saying that in case the petitioners respond to the aforesaid letters dated 18.01.2023, 02.12.2023 and 14.03.2024 and also provide the necessary documents, as may be sought from the petitioners, the passport authorities shall take a final decision on the passport applications of the petitioners.

7. Pending applications(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

18.02.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No