

109 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-7072-2025 (O/M)
Date of decision : 12.03.2025

Jaswant Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present :- Mr. Gurminder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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HARSH BUNGER, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner (Jaswant Kaur) has filed the instant civil writ petition under Article 226 of Constitution of India, inter alia, seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondent to issue the renewed passport of the petitioner after making necessary correction as regards the date of birth of the petitioner.

2. Briefly, the petitioner is stated to have applied for renewal of her passport, vide application No. CHH070063952824 dated 29.08.2024. According to the petitioner, she had wrongly mentioned her date of birth as 15.08.1964 in the said application, whereas her actual date of birth was 25.08.1964 and the said correct date of birth i.e. 25.08.1964 was also mentioned in her previous passport.

2.1 Apparently, Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, called upon the petitioner to submit an affidavit regarding her date of birth. It is submitted that the petitioner submitted her affidavit dated 21.01.2025 before the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, however, no further

action has been taken thereon, which prompted the petitioner to serve a legal notice (Annexure P-4) upon respondent, however, still the passport has not been issued to the petitioner. It is further stated that the petitioner requires her passport urgently as she has to visit her daughter, who is on the family way and is stated to be residing in United Kingdom.

3. Heard.

4. During the course of the hearing, the petitioner has shown a photocopy of the screen-shot of on-line status (as on 26.02.2025 of passport application submitted by the petitioner) wherein it is stated that the passport application is under review at Regional Passport Office. That apart, it has been noticed from Annexure P-3, which is stated to be a copy of an affidavit submitted by the petitioner to the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, that there is no attestation of any Oath Commissioner or Notary Public.

5. Learned counsel for petitioner has been unable to show that the petitioner has submitted a duly attested/notarized affidavit as regards her date of birth.

6. In view of the above, I find no compelling reasons to interfere in this matter at this stage. Accordingly, the instant civil writ petition is dismissed, however, leaving it open to the petitioner to approach the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh by submitting a duly attested/notarized affidavit of the petitioner in respect of her correct date of birth.

7. It goes without saying that in case the petitioner submits a duly attested/notarized affidavit as regards her date of birth within a period of four weeks from today, the passport authorities may consider

the same and take a final decision on the passport application of the petitioner, within a period of six weeks from the date when such duly attested affidavit is submitted by the petitioner.

8. Pending application (s), if any, shall also stand closed.

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

12.03.2025
sjks

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No