



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

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CWP-16955-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29.05.2025

Sonu Masih

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Jatinder Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India, with
Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate
for respondents No. 1 to 4.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab
for respondent No.5.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(oral)

1. Through the instant petition, prayer is made for issuance of direction upon respondents to consider the application dated 11.07.20024 (Annexure P-3) as submitted by the petitioner's wife for grant of long term visa, and to decide the same most expeditiously.

2. The petitioner's wife, who is a Foreign national resident of Pakistan, had visited India, and solemnized marriage with petitioner. Now indolent and lackadaisical approach of the competent respondent amongst the respondents, in not deciding his application (supra), propelled him to file the instant petition for seeking mandamus upon the authority concerned.

Notice of motion.



Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate assisting Mr. Satya Pal Jain, learned Addl. Solicitor General of India accepts notice and waives service on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 4, submits that in case this Court pass a *mandamus* for deciding the application (supra), in the time bound manner, he would have no objection.

At this stage, this Court deems it apt to dispose of the instant petition with a *mandamus* upon competent respondent, amongst the respondents, to consider the application (supra), and make an endeavour to decide the same within three weeks from passing of this order. The Mr. Satya Pal Jain, learned Addl. Solicitor General of India, undertakes to supply the copy of the directions passed by this Court to the competent authority, for the latter to make its compliance.

29.05.2025

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

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