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

**CWP-19247-2025
Date of Decision: 23.07.2025**

Rajinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Ranwant Singh Sangha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shivendra Pal, Central Government Counsel
for respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior DAG, Punjab
for respondents No.3 and 4.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondents No.3 and 4 to submit the correct police verification report in respect of the petitioner so that the application for re-issuance of passport filed by the petitioner could further be processed.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the passport application submitted by the petitioner has been kept on hold on account of the adverse Police Verification Report submitted against her inasmuch as that a case FIR No.161 dated 22.07.2020 stands registered under Section 447

read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Sadar Sangrur, District Sangrur. However, it is stated that although the challan has been presented in the said FIR, the charges have not yet been framed.

3. Today, reply by way of affidavit dated 21.07.2025 of Mr. Sukhdev Singh, P.P.S., Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Sangrur, has been filed on behalf of respondents No.3 and 4 in Court, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. A copy thereof has also been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner, in Court today itself.

3.1 In paragraph No.4 of the reply dated 21.07.2025, the following stand has been taken:-

“4. That on the completion of investigation, challan of the case against all the 13 accused (including the present petitioner) was submitted in the Court on 28.08.2023, charge has not yet been framed and now the case is fixed for 23.09.2025.”

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the aforesaid stand taken by learned counsel for respondents No.3 and 4 in reply dated 21.07.2025, the case of petitioner is squarely covered by the judgment passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **“Mohan Lal @ Mohna Vs. Union of India and others”, 2023 SCC Online P&H 1391.**

5. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2 does not dispute the aforesaid position and submits that the case of petitioner would be considered by the concerned authority in the light of decision rendered in **Mohan Lal @ Mohna’s** case (*supra*) and a final decision on the application for re-issuance of passport shall be taken within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

6. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent/concerned authority to consider and decide the

application for re-issuance of passport submitted by the petitioner in the light of judgment rendered by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in ***Mohan Lal @ Mohna's*** case (*supra*) within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

7. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

23.07.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No