

2025:PHHC:059224



101

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

**CWP-21759-2024
Date of Decision: 06.05.2025**

Gurdip Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Vikasdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate
for the respondents/UOI.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.1 and 2 to re-issue passport to the petitioner, which according to the petitioner had been lost by him.

2. It appears that the application for re-issuance of passport submitted by the petitioner already stands closed by the Passport Authority vide order dated 11.03.2025 (Annexure R-IV). The said order dated 11.03.2025 clearly indicates that in case the petitioner, if so desires, may apply for re-issuance of passport disclosing all the facts and circumstances

along with a clear police verification report, then the same would be considered on its own merits.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that one case bearing FIR No.01 dated 03.02.217 under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 120-B IPC, 13(1) D read with 13(9) P.C. Act, Police Station Vigilance Jalandhar, is pending against the petitioner and as on date, no charges have been framed in the same, therefore, in terms of the judgment rendered by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in the case *“Mohan Lal @ Mohna Vs. Union of India and others”, 2023 SCC Online P&H 1391*, there is no hindrance in dealing with the application for re-issuance of passport submitted by the petitioner.

4. At this stage, Ms. Amrita Singh, Advocate, who appears on behalf of the respondents-Union of India, submits that in case the petitioner applies afresh for re-issuance of passport, complete in all respect along with an affidavit clearly stating the stage and status of the criminal case pending against the petitioner, the Passport Authority shall process the application and take a final decision thereon within a period of four weeks from the date when such application is submitted by the petitioner.

5. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the respondents/UOI, the present writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

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

06.05.2025
Pd

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

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