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

CWP-29121-2024

Date of Decision: 10.01.2025

Gurmej Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Jatinder Kumar Kansal, Advocate for
Mr. Akash Yadav, Advocate
for the petitioner,

Ms. Neha Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel, Union of India
for the respondents.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus seeking direction upon the respondents to renew and issue passport to the petitioner, after correcting his father's name in the same from 'Bhagwan Singh' to 'Bhan Singh'.

1.1 A further prayer has been made to direct respondent No.2 (Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, S.C.O. 28-32, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh) to decide representation dated 12.09.2024 (Annexure P-6) in a time bound manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, submits

that the petitioner has submitted representation dated 12.09.2024

(Annexure P-6) before respondent No.2; however, the same has not been adverted to by the concerned authority, till date. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 – Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, S.C.O. 28-32, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh, to consider and decide the aforesaid representation dated 12.09.2024 (Annexure P-6).

3. On advance service of copy of petition, Ms. Neha Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel, Union of India, appears on behalf of the respondents and opposes issuance of notice of motion. She further submits that the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, S.C.O. 28-32, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh/competent authority shall take decision either way, on the pending representation dated 12.09.2024 (Annexure P-6) within a period of six weeks from today.

4. Keeping in view the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, S.C.O. 28-32, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh/competent authority to consider and decide representation dated 12.09.2024 (Annexure P-6) by way of passing a speaking order, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all the concerned parties, within a period of six weeks from today.

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

10.01.2025*Apurva***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No