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

CWP-27385-2025

Date of Decision: 03.11.2025

Harnek Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Ms. Mehak Bedi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Neha Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel
for the respondents.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Certiorari for setting aside letter/order dated 14.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) issued by the Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar.

1.1 A further prayer has been made for directing respondent No.2 – Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar, to re-issue passport to the petitioner against his Passport Application File No.JA01C4091570623 dated 31.07.2023, within a stipulated period of time.

2. Today, learned counsel for the respondents has filed short reply by way of affidavit dated 30.10.2025 of Mr. Yash Pal, Passport Officer, Jalandhar, in Court, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. A copy thereof is also supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner, in Court today itself. Relevant extract of the said reply reads as under:-

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3. That it is respectfully submitted that the petitioner had applied for issuance of passport vide file no.JA01C4091570623 dated 31.07.2023 at Regional passport Office, Jalandhar. The said application was processed subject to receipt of pre-police verification report. However, the concerned police authority submitted an adverse report with the remarks that “FIR No.142 dated 19.08.2019 U/S 447, 511, 506, 427, 148, 149 IPC PS Sadar and now applicant get permission from the court of Ms. Monika Lamba PCS/ACJM Kapurthala to renewal his passport with CRR No. CRR/16/2022. Local police have no objection to renewal his passport.

4. That in view of the aforesaid adverse police verification, a letter dated 02.09.2023 (**Annexure R-1**) followed by letter dated 14.06.2024 (**Annexure R-2**) was issued to the petitioner requiring clarification and submission of requisite documents. However, the petitioner failed to respond to the said communication.

5. That due to non-compliance by the petitioner, the passport application file no.JA01C4091570623 was closed on 28.01.2025, and an intimation to this effect was duly sent to the petitioner vide letter of even date (**Annexure R-3**).

6. That it is further submitted that the petitioner had previously filed a CWP No.23398 of 2025 in the same matter, which was dismissed as withdrawn by this Hon'ble Court vide order dated 13.08.2025 (**Annexure R-4**). It is pertinent to mention that presently no passport application is pending with the answering respondent in respect of the petitioner.

7. That the petitioner, if so advised, may submit a fresh passport application in accordance with rules and procedure, clearly mentioning the previous file number and enclosing necessary permission from the competent trial court, if required.

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respondents submits that the petitioner's application for re-issuance of passport stood closed on 28.01.2025, i.e. prior to the filing of the present writ petition. She further submits that in case the petitioner submits a fresh application for issuance of passport, supported by all relevant documents and information, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authority, in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of such application.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid stand taken by learned counsel for the respondents, the present writ petition is disposed of, accordingly.

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

03.11.2025*Apurva***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No