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

CWP-31379-2024

Date of Decision: 19.12.2025

Balbir Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

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

Ms. Sehej Sandhawalia, Advocate
for the respondents (through video conferencing).

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the official respondent/passport issuing authority to re-consider the petitioner's application dated 05.04.2024 (Annexure P-5) seeking change in the name of his spouse.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents, at the outset, submits that the petitioner's case seeking change in the name of his spouse is required to be considered in the light of the notification dated 23.12.2016 (Annexure P-15) issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi; however, the passport issuing authority failed to take into consideration the

said notification, and consequently, declined to effect the change in the name of petitioner's spouse. Learned counsel further submits that in case the petitioner submits a fresh application seeking correction in the name of his spouse, supported by all the relevant documents and information, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authority in accordance with the aforesaid notification dated 23.12.2016 (Annexure P-15) within a period of four 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, accordingly, disposed of. It is made clear that the earlier communications addressed to the petitioner, whereby his prayer for change in the name of his spouse was declined, shall not pose any hindrance in the consideration and decision of the petitioner's fresh application.

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

19.12.2025*Apurva***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No