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

CWP-33749-2024

Date of Decision: 13.01.2025

Manseerat Kaur (Minor) Through Grandmother Baljinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Ashish Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Arun Sharma, 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 to direct respondent No.2 to issue passport of the petitioner as per the application dated 03.06.2024.

1.1 A further prayer has been made to direct respondent No.2 (Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, S.C.O. 42-51, Pocket-1, Near Bus Stands Jalandhar) to decide legal notice dated 28.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, submits that the petitioner has served legal notice dated 28.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) upon 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. 42-51, Pocket-1, Near Bus Stands Jalandhar, to consider and decide the aforesaid legal notice dated 28.11.2024 (Annexure P-5).

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. 42-51, Pocket-1, Near Bus Stands Jalandhar/competent authority shall take decision either way, on the pending legal notice dated 28.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) within a period of four 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. 42-51, Pocket-1, Near Bus Stands Jalandhar/competent authority to consider and decide legal notice dated 28.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) by way of passing a speaking order, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all the concerned parties, within a period of four weeks from today.

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

13.01.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No