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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

WPO/836/2025

MD. SOHRAB
VS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE KRISHNA RAO

Date : 25th February, 2026.

Appearance:

Mr. Rishabh Karnani, Adv.
Mr. Amitabh Ray, Adv.
Mr. K. Modak, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr. Ashok Kumar Chakraborty, Adv.
Ms. Sarda Sha, Adv.
...for UOI

1. The petitioner has filed the present application praying for a direction upon the respondents, particularly the respondent no.2 for issuance of the passport to the petitioner. The petitioner was having the valid passport till 3rd October, 2027 but in the meantime due to the pendency of the criminal cases against the petitioner, the passport authorities have revoked the passport of the petitioner. When the petitioner came to know that the passport of the petitioner has been revoked due to the pendency of the criminal cases, the petitioner has filed a fresh application for grant of passport but the same was not considered by the authorities. Accordingly, the petitioner has made representation to the passport authorities but the representation has not yet considered. Thus, this writ petition.

2. The passport authorities had filed the report dated 16th December, 2025 wherein, it reveals that against the petitioner altogether eight cases have been registered out of which in five cases the petitioner have been discharged/acquitted from the said cases. The report further reveals that three cases are pending against the petitioner. The petitioner has obtained the certified copies of the orders of the three cases in which the passport authorities have alleged that the cases are pending and after obtaining the certified copies of the said cases, it is found that all the cases have been disposed of either the petitioner has been acquitted or discharged. Simultaneously, the passport authority have also submitted a fresh report dated 10th February, 2026 wherein, it is mentioned that the cases pending against the petitioner have already been closed and the petitioner have been discharged from the said cases. The said report is kept in record.

3. This Court finds that the passport authorities have not granted the passport to the petitioner due to the pendency of the criminal cases against the petitioner. Now, as per the xerox certified copies/server copies of the order produced by the petitioner and the report submitted by the passport authorities, it reveals that no cases are pending against the petitioner as on date.

4. Thus, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the petitioner to produce the certified copies/server copies of all the orders wherein, the petitioner have been discharged from the criminal cases to the passport authorities within a period of two weeks from date and if the passport authorities receives the certified copy of orders wherein the petitioner have been discharged from all the criminal cases, the passport authorities shall pass

appropriate order with regard to the issuance of the passport to the petitioner within a period of two weeks thereafter.

5. Accordingly, WPO/836/2025 is disposed of.

(KRISHNA RAO, J.)

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