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

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CRM-M-4243-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 30.04.2026

Harpinder Singh Gill

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. M.S. Bindra, Advocate with
Ms. Anjan Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Lekhi, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS SURI, J.(Oral)

1. The challenge in this petition is to order dated 23.12.2025 (Annexure P-1), even though the relief has been granted to the petitioner for renewal of his passport but for the stipulation to be valid for a period of one year and it can be got renewed thereafter, as well.

2. Upon notice, learned State counsel would point out that the petitioner has been implicated in case FIR No.01 dated 10.02.2017, under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Sections 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 201 IPC (added later on), registered at Police Station Economic Offences Wing, Punjab, Vigilance Bureau, Ludhiana. It is further submitted that the challan was submitted on 24.12.2024 but the charge is yet to be framed against the petitioner.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in view of the aforesaid, as on date, there are no criminal proceedings pending against the petitioner and as such, he appears to have been ill-advised to invoke the remedy under notification No.GSR 570(E) dated 25.08.1993, which exempts citizens of India, against whom proceedings in respect of an offence alleged to have been committed by them are pending before any criminal Court in India, from the operation of the provisions of Section 6(2)(f) of the Passports Act, 1967 subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions mentioned therein. It is, thus, submitted that keeping in view the provisions of Section 6(2)(f) of the Act (*ibid*), the bar to the issuance of a passport, is not attracted in the petitioner's case, and, consequently, the said notification is not applicable in the admitted factual position.

4. In the light of aforesaid, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for withdrawal of the instant petition with liberty to avail alternative remedy to seek enforcement of his right for issuance of a passport with validity of ten years.

5. The present petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty aforesaid.

April 30, 2026
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether Reportable : Yes / No