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

CWP-3431-2025

Date of Decision: 30.01.2026

Avyukt (Minor) Through His Mother Anshita Mittal

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Surinder Gandhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India and
Ms. Shreyansi Verma, Central Government Counsel
for respondents No.1 and 2 (through video conferencing).

Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate
for respondent No.3

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of
Mandamus, directing respondent No.2 – Regional Passport Officer,
Chandigarh, to issue passport in the name of petitioner (minor).

2. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2, who is appearing
through video conferencing mode, submits that during the pendency of the
present writ petition, Ms. Anshita Mittal, the mother of the petitioner
(minor), has already instituted a divorce petition. It is further submitted that

in view thereof, the category under which the prayer for issuance of passport to the petitioner (minor) falls, would change, and consequently, a fresh application would be required to be submitted on behalf of the petitioner (minor).

3. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, in view of the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2, he may be permitted to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to the petitioner to submit a fresh application seeking issuance of passport, duly supported by requisite information and documents. However, it is prayed that time bound directions be issued for consideration of the said application.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the respective parties, the present writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh application seeking issuance of passport, duly supported by requisite information and/or documents.

4.1 It goes without saying that in case any such application is submitted on behalf of the petitioner, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authority, in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date when such application is submitted.

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

30.01.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No