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

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Date of decision: 28.04.2026

Satpal Handa

....Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Arshdeep, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Dr. Anju Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No.1 and 2 – UOI.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (Oral)

1 Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, for directing the respondent No.2 – Regional Passport Officer, Amritsar to process and issue renewed passport to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the application for issuance of renewed passport of the petitioner is not being considered primarily on the ground that the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused in case FIR No.101 dated 29.08.2013, registered under Sections 323, 324, 506 and 34 IPC at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

3. At this stage, learned State counsel submits that the cancellation report in the aforesaid case FIR No.101 dated 29.08.2013, has been submitted thrice before the concerned/competed Court; however, the same

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was returned for further investigation and the matter is still at the stage of investigation.

4. In view of the aforesaid stand taken by the learned State counsel; learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition can be disposed of by directing the Passport Authority to consider the claim of the petitioner for issuance of renewed passport in terms of the observations made by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in the case of ***“Mohan Lal @ Mohna Vs. Union of India and others”, 2023 SCC Online P&H 1391.***

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents No.1 and 2 – UOI/Passport Authority, submits that considering the fact that the matter is still at the investigation stage, the concerned Passport Authority would consider the application submitted by the petitioner for renewal of passport in the light of the judgment rendered in ***Mohan Lal @ Mohna’s*** case (supra), and an appropriate decision would be taken thereon within a period of eight weeks from today.

6. Keeping in view the aforesaid stand taken by the respective parties, no further order is required to be passed and the instant writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

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

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

28.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No