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

**CWP-12398-2026
Date of Decision: 23.04.2026**

Sanan Dhankar (Minor),
Through his natural guardian

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shreyansi Verma, Central Govt. Counsel and
Mr. Prabhat Atwal, Advocate
for the respondents No.1 and 2-UOI.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for setting aside the order/letter dated 04.11.2025 (Annexure P-5).

2. Today, learned counsel for the respondents/UOI has handed over a photocopy of letter dated 17.04.2026 issued by the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, calling upon the petitioner through his natural guardian to submit certain clarifications regarding issuance of passport facilities to the petitioner (minor). A copy thereof, is taken on record, subject to all just

exceptions. The relevant extract of the same reads as under:-

“Subject: Clarifications required regarding Issuance of Passport facilities to Shri/Smt/ Kumari/ Master SANAM DHANKER

This is in reference to your application for passport issue, with file number CH1066077042725.

Upon scrutiny of your passport application, it has come into the notice of the office that adoptive parents were citizen of USA at the time of adoption.

As adoption by Indian Prospective Adoptive parents who are foreign national of other countries (Regulation 21 of Adoption Regulations, 2022) is covered under Inter-country Adoption, show cause notice under section 5(2) c of the Passports Act, 1967, which states, Refuse to issue the passport or travel document or, as the case may be, refuse to make on the passport or travel document any endorsement.

You are therefore, required to submit the following with in 30 days of issuance of this letter:

(a) Verification orders of Adoption deed from District Magistrate/Competent Authority

(b) NOC from CARA

(c) Conformity Certificate from CARA

Please be informed that in case of non response within the specified period, or a non-satisfactory response, your application would be rejected unless cleared in appeal by the PSP Division. Please appear in person at Regional Passport Office between 9:30 am to 12:30 am on any working day.

Yours Sincerely,

For Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh”

2.1. While referring to the aforesaid letter dated 17.04.2026, learned counsel for the petitioner very fairly submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to the petitioner to file a written response to the aforesaid letter dated 17.04.2026, at the first instance

and then, avail his legal remedies, in accordance with law, if circumstances so warrant.

3. Ordered accordingly.
4. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

23.04.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No