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

CWP-15015-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 14.05.2026

Panninder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. R.S. Bains, Senior Advocate assisted by
Mr. Sumet Singh, Advocate,
Mr. Utsav Singh Bains, Advocate and
Ms. Anila Devi Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Verma, Advocate for respondents No.1 and 4.

Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior DAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, to issue passport to the petitioner.

2. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had earlier applied for issuance of a passport in the year 2017; however, the same was not considered by the passport authorities primarily on account of the fact that the petitioner had been arrayed as an accused in FIR No.299 dated 12.12.2007, wherein he was convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of three years, vide judgment dated 09.12.2010 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Kapurthala.

2.1 Learned senior counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has already undergone the aforesaid sentence and, as on date, no other criminal case or appeal is pending against him. He further submits that, in any case, the conviction is more than five years old and, therefore, there exists no hindrance in the issuance of a passport to the petitioner.

3. At this stage, Mr. Rahul Verma, Advocate, and Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appear on behalf of respondents No.1 and 4 and respondent-State, respectively, in pursuance of the advance copies of paper book having already been supplied to them.

4. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 4 submits that as on date, no application of the petitioner, seeking issuance of passport, is pending consideration before the passport authorities. However, he submits that in case the petitioner submits a fresh application under the category of “Re-issuance of Passport”, along with all requisite documents and information, the same shall be considered and decided by the concerned passport authority (as the circumstances may warrant) within a period of eight weeks from the date of submission of such application, in accordance with law.

5. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 4, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

14.05.2026
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

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