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

**CWP-14986-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.05.2026**

Rakam Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. G.S. Dhot, Advocate for
Mr. G.S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchita Garg, Advocate
for the respondents (through video conferencing).

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondent No.2 – Chief Passport Officer, PSP Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg, New Delhi, to decide the appeal dated 17.11.2025 (Annexure P-8) filed by the petitioner against the order dated 02.09.2025 (Annexure P-7) passed by the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, whereby the application submitted by the petitioner for renewal of passport has been rejected.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents informs the Court that the impugned order dated 02.09.2025 (Annexure P-7) already stands withdrawn

by the concerned authority and, presently, the status of the application submitted by the petitioner for renewal of passport is “active”. It is submitted that certain criminal cases are pending against the petitioner and verification in that regard is underway; however, in all probabilities, the aforesaid application of the petitioner for renewal of passport shall be considered and finally decided by the concerned passport authority, in accordance with law, within a period of three months from today.

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

4. However, it is made clear that in case any further clarification is required from the petitioner, the passport authority may requisition the same by way of a written communication.

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

27.05.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No