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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-66195-2025

Pardeep Kumar @ Pradeep Kumar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and another

....Respondents

Date of decision: May 14, 2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Sapan Dhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Priyanka Sadar Thakur, Senior DAG Haryana.

Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

The substantive prayer(s) made in the petition in hand read
thus:

“It is, therefore, respectfully prayed that the records of this case be summoned and upon perusal of the same, this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to: -

A. *QUASH/SET ASIDE THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 01.10.2025 (ANNEXURE P-12) PASSED BY THE LEARNED ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, FATEHABAD, IN CASE FIR NO.358 DATED 08.09.2018, REGISTERED AT POLICE STATION SADAR, FATEHABAD UNDER SECTIONS 420, 406, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, IPC, SECTIONS 4, 5 & 6 OF PCMCS ACT, 1978 (ANNEXURE P-1) AND SECTION 3(2) OF HPIDFE ACT, 2013 & FIR NO. 859 DATED 09.09.2018, REGISTERED AT POLICE STATION CITY, HISAR UNDER SECTIONS 420, 406, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, IPC, SECTIONS 4, 5 & 6 OF PCMCS ACT, 1978 AND SECTION 3(2) OF HPIDFE ACT, 2013 (ANNEXURE P-2), WHEREBY HE HAS ILLEGALLY, ARBITRARILY AND PERVERSELY DISMISSED THE APPLICATION OF THE PETITIONER FOR*

SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ISSUANCE/RE-ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT.

B. ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE ORDER OR DIRECTION TO ISSUE/GRANT REQUISITE PERMISSION TO THE RESPONDENT PASSPORT AUTHORITIES AS PER GR NOTIFICATION NO. SR570(E) DATED 25.08.1993 (ANNEXURE P-8), TO ISSUE/RE-ISSUE PASSPORT TO THE PETITIONER FOR TEN YEARS, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.”

2. Taking exception to the order dated 01.10.2025 (Annexure P-12) passed by the learned Sessions Judge, the petitioner has sought a direction for issuance/ re-issuance of his passport.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that expired passport is with the petitioner and the petitioner is willing to deposit the same along with duly constituted application to the concerned RPO (Regional Passport Office), which may be directed to process the same, in accordance with law, and if it is found that the passport of the petitioner deserves to be re-issued/ revalidated, the same be done and further renewed/ reissued passport be not given to the petitioner, but be directly deposited with the concerned trial Court.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has submitted that there are serious accusations against the petitioner and in case, the passport is renewed/ reissued, there is all likelihood that the petitioner may flee from the process of justice.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 has submitted that the concerned RPO (Regional Passport Office) shall process and take a ratiocinated view upon the application preferred by the petitioner, in accordance with Rules.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the petition in hand by permitting the petitioner to apply before the concerned Regional Passport Office along with original expired passport. The concerned Regional Passport Office is directed to process and take a ratiocinated view upon the

application of the petitioner, in accordance with Rules. In case, the concerned Regional Passport Office finds that the petitioner is fulfilling all the criteria, his passport shall be reissued/ revalidated, but it is made clear that the reissued/ revalidated passport of the petitioner shall not be handed over to the petitioner, but shall be deposited to the concerned trial Court. The concerned trial Court shall retain the same in its possession, in accordance with law. The concerned Regional Passport Office shall ensure that in no circumstances, the reissued/ renewed/ revalidated passport falls into the hands of the petitioner.

- 7. **Disposed of**, accordingly.
- 8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No