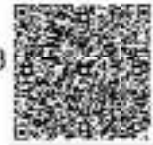


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-36777-2025
Date of Decision: 22.01.2026

Karamjeet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. J.S. Bhinder, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randeep Tanwar, Panel Counsel
for respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondent No.2 Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, to issue fresh passport to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case of the petitioner is squarely covered by the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "*Mahesh Kumar Agarwal Vs. Union of India and another*", 2025 SCC Online 2887.

3. On the other hand, learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2 submits that the petitioner is involved in a criminal case, however, his

application for issuance of passport shall be considered by the competent authority in the light of the judgment in *Mahesh Kumar Agarwal's* case (supra), and a final decision thereon shall be taken in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from today, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all concerned parties and/or after seeking requisite information/documents/undertaking from the petitioner, if the need so arises.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

22.01.2026
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

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