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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 1998/2026**

DR. VIVEK VIRENDRA SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Zeba Khair, Ms. Harshita
Singhal, Mr. Amber Raj, Advocates
with Petitioner.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Sumitra Choudhary, Advocate.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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12.02.2026

CM APPL. 9744/2026 & CM APPL. 9745/2026 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 1998/2026

1. On 19.09.2024, the petitioner filed an application before respondent no.2-the Regional Passport Office, Ministry of External Affairs for renewal of his passport. *Vide* impugned order dated 16.04.2025, respondent no.2 sought from the petitioner, orders from the Courts permitting him to travel abroad.
2. Such an insistence/pre-condition for renewal of passport, is impermissible as has been mentioned in the decision passed by the Supreme



Court in the case of ***Mahesh Kumar Agarwal v. Union of India***¹.

3. In view thereof, respondent no.2 will have to consider the application of the petitioners afresh in light of the aforementioned decision.
4. Impugned communication dated 16.04.2025 is, therefore, set aside and respondent no. 2 is directed to reconsider the petitioner's application with due expedition.
5. Petition stands disposed of.

PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J
FEBRUARY 12, 2026/P/KSR

¹ 2025 INSC 1476