HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - C No. - 42985 of 2026

Sushil Kumar Gupta

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union Of India And 4 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s) : Sarthak Verma
Counsel for Respondent(s) : A.S.G.I., C.S.C., Shashi Prakash Rai

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Court No. - 1

HON'BLE AJIT KUMAR, J.
HON'BLE GARIMA PRASHAD, J.

1. Heard Sri Sarthak Verma, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Shashi Prakash Rai, learned counsel for the respondent nos.1 and 2 and learned Standing Counsel for the State-respondents.

2. The petitioner in this petition is aggrieved by the show-cause notice dated 03.06.2026 issued to him by the Regional Passport Officer regarding his passport, which he has already been granted renewal of for the prescribed period under the Passport Act, 1967.

3. It is contended that although the petitioner was implicated in a criminal case, after investigation, the police submitted a closure report, which is pending consideration before the learned Magistrate. Accordingly, he submitted a reply to the show-cause notice that his case would not be covered under the relevant circular/notification issued by the Ministry of External Affairs as in cases where a closure report has been submitted by the police and no charge-sheet has been filed by the police as the case may be the case would stand covered for the purposes of grant of a passport for the prescribed period of ten years, in light of the catena of judgments of this Court, the latest in the series being the judgment in the case of **Rahimuddin vs. Union of India & Another (Neutral Citation No. - 2025:AHC:181505-DB)** and no decision has yet been taken by the Regional Passport Officer on the show-cause notice.

4. He further submits that soon after filing this writ petition seeking relief in the nature of certiorari to quash the impugned show-cause notice, he

was served with another show-cause notice dated 15.10.2026. The said notice has been placed before us and is taken on record.

5. Sri Shashi Prakash Rai, learned counsel appearing for respondent nos. 1 and 2, submits that as per the instructions received, the petitioner failed to submit any reply to the earlier show-cause notice dated 03.06.2026 issued to him. However, learned counsel appearing for the respondents could not dispute the legal proposition laid down by this Court in the cases of **Rahimuddin vs. Union of India & Another (Neutral Citation No. - 2025:AHC:181505-DB)** and **Wajiruddin Khan v. Union of India & 2 Others, (Neutral Citation No. - 2026:AHC:138176-DB)**.

6. In view of the above, we direct the petitioner to submit a fresh reply to the latest show-cause notice dated 15.10.2026 issued to him by the Regional Passport Officer, Bareilly, annexing therewith a certified copy of the final report submitted by the police. In the event the petitioner moves such an application within four weeks from the date of production of a certified copy of this order, the Regional Passport Officer, Bareilly, shall dispose of the matter relating to the show-cause notice in the light of the judgments passed in the cases of **Rahimuddin (supra)** and **Wajiruddin (supra)** within a further period of six weeks.

7. In view of the aforesaid, the petition stands disposed of.

(Garima Prashad,J.) (Ajit Kumar,J.)

October 23, 2026
S.A.

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