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

CWP-28714-2025

Date of Decision: 24.09.2025

Harjinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Dr. Sunil Mallan, Advocate and
Mr. Varun Gera, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sehaj Sandhawalia, Advocate
for respondents-UOI.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents to issue the 'Surrender Certificate' as well as return the 'Old Cancelled Passport' of the petitioner.

1.1. A further prayer has been made for directing respondent No.3- The Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer to decide the appeal/representation dated 07.03.2025 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner.

1.2. Another prayer has been made for directing the respondents to allow the petitioner to stay in India beyond the period of six months

(if necessary) till the issuance of OCI Card.

2. At this stage, Ms. Sehaj Sandhawalia, Advocate, appears on behalf of respondents-UOI, in pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to Union of India. She informs the court that although the appeal preferred by the petitioner has been received by the Appellate Authority (Respondent No.3), however, on account of certain deficiency with regard to deposit of fee in terms of Sections 14 and 15 of the Passport Rules, 1980, the appeal could not be processed. However, on the specific asking that vide which document the petitioner was conveyed as regards the deficiency and discrepancy in the fee or any other shortcomings in the fee, learned counsel for respondent has failed to place any material/document on record. Learned counsel for the respondents/UOI submits that requisite intimation will be sent to the petitioner within a period of one week from today and the appeal preferred by the petitioner would be considered and decided positively within a period of four weeks from the date when the shortcomings in the appeal are addressed.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the respondents/UOI, the present writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

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

24.09.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No