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

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**CWP-21691-2024 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 29.08.2025**

Harkinder Singh Grewal

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER**

Present: Mr. Rajat Malhotra, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Prajwal Chauhan, Central Government Counsel  
for respondents No.2 and 3.

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**HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)**

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondent No.3 – Assistant Passport Officer, Passport Office, Ludhiana, to re-issue the petitioner's passport after incorporating his surname as 'Grewal' and recording the name of his spouse as 'Gurbax Kaur Grewal'.

2. Learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3, at the outset, submits that the passport, in which the petitioner seeks incorporation of the aforesaid changes, was valid only up to 06.11.2024 and has already expired; accordingly, the petitioner would be required to submit a fresh application

for issuance of a new passport. He further submits that in case, such an application is submitted by the petitioner along with the requisite documents/proof, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authorities within a period of eight weeks from the date of its filing, in accordance with law.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is disposed of accordingly.

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

**29.08.2025**

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**(HARSH BUNGER)**  
**JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No