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

**CWP-1663-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.01.2025**

Prabhjit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGERPresent : Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (Oral)

The instant Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondent No.2 to issue the passport to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, while referring to Annexure P-2, submits that earlier the petitioner had filed a writ petition bearing No. CWP-4763-2024 seeking direction for issuance of passport to him, however, submits that since the petitioner was convicted vide judgment dated 06.12.2019 and was awarded sentence of 12 years, the rigors of Section 6(2)(e) of the Passport Act, 1967 was applicable, accordingly the said writ petition was ordered to be dismissed as withdrawn at that stage vide order dated 29.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court.

2.1 Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the period of 5 years as stated under Section 6(2)(e) of the Passport Act, 1967 stands



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lapsed in December 2024 and as on date, there is no bar in consideration of the application submitted by the petitioner seeking issuance of the passport.

2.2 It is further submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the application submitted by the petitioner seeking issuance of the passport has not been closed by the concerned Passport Office till date and the same is still stated to be pending.

3. Mr. Ashutosh Dhankar, Advocate, who has appeared on behalf of the respondents No.1 and 2-Union of India, pursuant to the advance copy of petition having been sent to the Union of India, does not dispute to the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that in case the petitioner approaches the Regional Passport Office, Amritsar and queries/information sought are responded to and/or any document required is provided by the petitioner, the processing of the application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of the passport would be undertaken expeditiously.

4. In view of the statement made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2-Union of India, learned counsel for the petitioner prays that he may be permitted to withdraw the instant writ petition at this stage with liberty to the petitioner to approach the Regional Passport Office, Amritsar.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn at this stage with the liberty aforesaid.

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

22.01.2025
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No