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

CWP-16832-2025

Date of Decision: 24.07.2025

Amandeep Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Himanshu Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Verma, Central Govt. Counsel
for respondent No.1 and 2/UOI.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondent No.2 to re-issue the passport of the petitioner.

2. At this stage, learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2/UOI has handed over a copy of E-mail dated 23.07.2025 sent to him by the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Relevant extract of email dated 23.07.2025, reads as under:

“2. Petitioner submitted passport application no.

CH3078949692023 to this office in reissue lost category against old passport no.R7903521.

3. Petitioner submitted copy of FIR 81/2022 PS Division 5 along with application.

4. During further processing, petitioner submitted file closure request (enclosed) to this office due to which her file was closed on 26.12.2024.

5. Petitioner is at liberty to submit new application at this office. Upon submission application will be decided in accordance with the law.

6. It is also submitted that passing passport into custody of unauthorized person is prohibited and its loss must be reported immediately to passport authority. (refer Schedule V of Passport Rules, 1980). Contravention of conditions mentioned in Schedule V of Passport Rules, 1980 renders the passport liable to impounded/revoked u/s 10 3 f of the Passports Act, 1967.

Regards,

Legal Section,

RPO Chandigarh.”

2.1. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2/UOI, while referring to the above extracted e-mail dated 23.07.2025, submits that the application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of the passport already stands closed on 26.12.2024. He further submits that in case the petitioner submits a new application, complete in all respect supported by documents/information, which may be sought from the petitioner, her request for issuance of passport would be considered, in accordance with law.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid statement made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2/UOI, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the present writ petition at this stage, with liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh application seeking

re-issuance of the passport.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty aforesaid.

4.1. It goes without saying that in case any such application is submitted by the petitioner seeking re-issuance of the passport supported by relevant documents/information, within a period of two weeks from today, the passport authority shall consider the same, within a period of eight weeks from the date when such application is filed by the petitioner.

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

24.07.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No