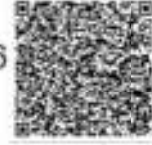


2025:PHHC:038946



THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

102

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

CWP-6528-2025

Date of Decision: 21.03.2025

Harjinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Regional Passport Officer, Amritsar and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. I.P.S. Ishar, Advocate
for the petitioner (through video conferencing).

Mr. Karan Kumar Jund, Senior Panel Counsel
for the respondents.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus to direct respondent No.1 – Regional Passport Officer, Plot No.9, District Shopping Complex, Ranjit Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, to immediately issue fresh passport to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case of petitioner herein is squarely covered by the judgment passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No.27167 of 2018 titled as "*Mohan Lal @ Mohna Vs. Union of India and others*", decided on 14.07.2023.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents does not dispute the aforesaid position and submits that the case of petitioner herein would be considered by the concerned authority in the light of decision rendered in *Mohan Lal @ Mohna's* case (*supra*) and a final decision on the application for issuance of passport shall be taken within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent/concerned authority to consider and decide the application for issuance of passport submitted by the petitioner in the light of judgment rendered by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in *Mohan Lal @ Mohna's* case (*supra*), within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

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

21.03.2025
Apurva

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No