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

CWP-8088-2025

Date of Decision: 24.03.2025

Narinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Vivek K.Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ayushi Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 3.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing the official respondents to consider passport application dated 14.01.2025 submitted by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

2. Ms. Ayushi Sharma, Advocate appears on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, in pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to her, and submits that there is an adverse police verification report against the petitioner inasmuch as that a case FIR No.77 dated 22.03.2023, under Sections 420 and 406 of the Indian Penal Code, stands

registered at Police Station Kotwali, Kapurthala, wherein petitioner is an accused. It is stated that vide letter dated 04.02.2025 (Annexure P-4), certain clarifications/information/documents were sought from the petitioner, however, instead of responding to the same, petitioner has filed the present writ petition before this Court.

2.1 Learned counsel for respondents No.1 to 3 further submits that in case, the petitioner responds to the aforesaid letter dated 04.02.2025 (Annexure P-4) and provides the required clarifications/information/documents, then the passport application submitted by the petitioner would be considered and final decision would be taken thereon by the concerned authority within a period of six weeks from the date when such clarifications/information/documents are provided by the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 to 3, he may be permitted to withdraw the instant writ petition with liberty to the petitioner to respond to letter dated 04.02.2025 (Annexure P-4) issued by the Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar and furnish the requisite clarifications/information/documents.

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in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty aforesaid.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, requisite clarifications/information/documents are provided by the petitioner then the passport authorities shall process the passport application of petitioner and take a final decision thereon, in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date when such

clarifications/information/documents are provided by the petitioner.

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

24.03.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No