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

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Date of Decision: 01.04.2025**

Gurbakhshish Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Shubham Mehta, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Kumar Jund, Senior Panel Counsel  
for the respondent(s)-Union of India.

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**HARSH BUNGER, J. (Oral)**

The present 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 respondents No.1 and 2 to re-issue the passport to the petitioner under the 'Non-ECR/ECNR' (Emigration Check Not Required) category.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent(s)-Union of India has handed over a photocopy of letter dated 26.03.2025, issued to the petitioner, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. The relevant extract thereof reads as under:

*"This office is in receipt of your passport application for issuance of Passport in the particulars of Sh. Gurbakhshish Singh S/o Harpal Singh submitted with this office vide application no. AS1074921353325 on 17.02.2025.*

2. *In this regard, it is informed that you are advised to reach*

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*to this office himself only with proof of an income tax assessment order with actual payment of income tax or ITR is stamped by income tax authorities for last one year within 10 days from receipt of this letter on any working days.*

*Note: This letter is being sent to you to dispose of the application Mentioned under reference.”*

3. Learned counsel for the respondent(s)-Union of India submits that in order to issue passport to the petitioner under the Non-ECR/ECNR category, the petitioner is required to submit a proof of an income tax assessment order with actual payment of income tax or ITR duly stamped by Income Tax Authorities for the last one year.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the instant writ petition at this stage with liberty to the petitioner to approach the concerned Passport Authorities along with the requisite documents i.e. the ITR for the last one year, duly stamped by the Income Tax Authorities.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. It goes without saying that in case, the petitioner submits the requisite documents i.e. a proof of an income tax assessment order with actual payment of income tax or ITR duly stamped by Income Tax Authorities for the last one year, within a period of six weeks from today, then the Passport Authorities shall process the application of the petitioner and render a final decision thereon, within a period of four weeks from the date when such documents are submitted by the petitioner.

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

01.04.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)  
JUDGE

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