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

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**CWP-26717-2025**

**Date of Decision: 22.09.2025**

Rhianna Singh (Minor) Through Her Father Rupinderjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Arun Sharma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arihant Goyal, Senior Panel Counsel  
for the respondents.

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**HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)**

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondent No.2 – Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar, to re-issue passport of the petitioner (minor) in terms of application dated 14.05.2025 (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the respondents has handed over a copy of letter dated 15.09.2025, issued by the Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar, whereby certain clarifications/information/documents have been sought from the petitioner. Same is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Another copy thereof has also been handed over to learned counsel for the petitioner, in Court today itself.

3. The relevant extract of the aforesaid letter dated 15.09.2025, reads as under:-

*“Sir,*

*This office is in receipt of Civil Writ Petition filed by you the Petitioner Rhianna Singh seeking issuance of passport in absentia of mother’s consent or child’s custody on the subject cited above.*

*In this regard, as per the information available with this office, it is revealed that you had undertaken to supply custody paper on 16.05.2025 but didn’t come up with the same. However, you are again requested to supply the requisite document as undertaken by you or you may submit Annexure-C prescribed for single parent with appropriate clause copy of which is enclosed here with so that your case can be processed accordingly. You may see the RPO, Jalandhar during any working day within a period of 15 days.”*

4. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that in case, the petitioner responds to the aforesaid letter dated 15.09.2025 and provides the required clarifications/information/documents then the passport application submitted by the petitioner, which is still pending with the authorities, would be considered and final decision would be taken thereon by the competent authority, in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date when such clarifications/information/documents are provided by the petitioner.

5. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the respondents, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to respond to letter dated 15.09.2025, issued by the Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar, and to furnish the requisite clarifications, information and documents.

5.1 It goes without saying that in case, requisite

clarifications/information/documents are provided by the petitioner then the passport authorities shall take a final decision on the passport application of the petitioner, in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date when such clarifications/information/documents are provided by the petitioner.

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

**22.09.2025**

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**(HARSH BUNGER)  
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No