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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

SUKHVINDER SINGH PELIA,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 11-72600

Agency No. A096-133-339

MEMORANDUM\*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted November 19, 2013\*\*

Before: CANBY, TROTT, and THOMAS, Circuit Judges.

Sukhvinder Singh Pelia, a native and citizen of India, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order denying his motion to reopen.

We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for abuse of discretion the

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

BIA's denial of a motion to reopen. *Najmabadi v. Holder*, 597 F.3d 983, 986 (9th Cir. 2010). We deny the petition for review.

The BIA did not abuse its discretion in denying Pelia's motion to reopen because Pelia did not show prima facie eligibility for relief. *See INS v. Abudu*, 485 U.S. 94, 104 (1988) (the BIA may deny a motion to reopen for failure to establish a prima facie case for the underlying relief sought); *INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 481-83 (1992) (fear of persecution must be on account of a protected ground, and petitioner must provide some evidence of persecutor's motive).

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**