

**CWP Nos.20019, 20465, 21625, 24083, 24217 and 24236 of 2013 and  
CWP No.24820 of 2012**

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

**Date of Decision: 06.02.2015**

**1. CWP No.20019-2013**

Global College of Engineering and Technology

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Information Commission of Punjab and another

... Respondent(s)

**2. CWP No.20465-2013**

RIMT Institute of Engineering & Technology

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Information Commission and another

... Respondent(s)

**3. CWP No.21625-2013**

Guru Gobind Singh College

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Information Commission and another

... Respondent(s)

**4. CWP No.24083-2013**

College of Engineering & Management

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Information Commission and another

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**5. CWP No.24217-2013**

G.T.B.Khalsa Institute of Engineering and Technology

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Information Commissioner, Punjab and another

... Respondent(s)

**6. CWP No.24236-2013**

Devraj Group's Technical Campus

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Information Commission and another

... Respondent(s)

**AND**

**7. CWP No.24820-2012**

Shri Raghunath Rai Memorial Education and Charitable Trust and  
another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

Chief Information Commissioner and another

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARAMJEET SINGH**

- 1) Whether Reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment ?.
- 2) To be referred to the Reporters or not ?.
- 3) Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest ?

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Mr. Vishal Gupta, Advocate,  
for the petitioner in CWP-20465-2013.

Mr. Arjun Pratap Atma Ram, Advocate,  
for the petitioner in CWP-21625-2013.

None for the petitioner in CWP-24083-2013.

Mr. Deepak Gupta, Advocate,  
for the petitioners in CWP-24217-2013 and  
CWP-24820-2012.

Mr. Nitin Kumar Vasudeva, Advocate,  
for the petitioner in CWP-24236-2013.

Dr. Deepa Singh, Addl. A. G. Punjab.

Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate,  
respondent no.2 in person in  
all the petitions except CWP No.24820-2012.

**Paramjeet Singh, J.(Oral)**

This order shall dispose of CWP Nos.20019, 20465, 21625, 24083, 24217 and 24236 of 2013 and CWP No.24820 of 2012 as common questions of fact and law are involved in all the petitions.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that writ petitions are squarely covered by the judgment rendered on 12.12.2013 by a Division Bench of this Court in LPA No.1174 of 2011, titled, 'Punjab Cricket Association vs. State Information Commission, Punjab and another' and all the writ petitions may be disposed of as such.

It is pointed out that on 10.12.2013, all the writ petitions were admitted and ordered to be listed after the decision in LPA No.1174 of 2011. The Division Bench of this Court has decided LPA No.1174 of

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2011 on 12.12.2013 and remanded the matter to the Appellate Authority i.e. State Information Commissioner, Punjab with a direction to decide the matter afresh keeping in view the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Thalappalam Ser. Coop. Bank Ltd. and others Vs. State of Kerala and others*** 2013(4) RCR (Civil) 912. The relevant observations of the Division Bench are to the effect:

*“Accordingly, while allowing the appeals, the following directions are issued:-*

*i) The orders passed by the State Information Commission (SIC) and the learned Single Judge in all these appeals are set aside. The matter is remanded to the SIC to decide the same afresh.*

*ii) The interim order shall continue till the disposal of the appeals by the SIC.*

*iii) All the pleas available to the appellants herein shall be allowed to be raised before the SIC. The SIC shall decide the matter afresh keeping in view the judgment of the Apex Court in ***Thalappalam Ser. Coop Bank Limited's case*** (supra) within six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.*

*iv) Each case shall be decided separately by referring to the facts involved therein.*

*v) The SIC shall not be influenced by anything which has been observed herein while deciding the matter afresh.”*

In view of the admitted position that the matter in hand is squarely covered by the judgment rendered in LPA No.1174 of 2011 by the Division Bench, all the writ petitions are disposed of in the terms of decision rendered in LPA No.1174 of 2011.

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However, the petitioners and private respondents will be at liberty to raise all the pleas before the State Information Commissioner in accordance with law.

**06.02.2015**

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**(Paramjeet Singh)  
Judge**