

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

CWP No.20294 of 2015

Date of Decision : 23.9.2015

Manjit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commissioner Punjab and
others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

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Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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MAHESH GROVER.J.

The petitioner prays for quashing of impugned order Annexure P-12 passed by the State Information Commissioner, Punjab declining his appeal.

The petitioner had sought information from respondents which was supplied by them, but the petitioner pleaded dissatisfaction and filed two appeals stating that complete information had not been supplied to him. To understand the issue the information sought by the petitioner is extracted herebelow :-

“Those documents may be supplied which reveals that the violations committed at the time of land acquisition and those violations are admitted also, provide the copy of that order passed by any

Court/Supreme Court/High Court any order/judgment whereby despite admitted violations the land has been allowed to be acquired.

Those documents may be supplied whereby the land owner have given writing that they are not ready to accept the compensation.

Those documents may be supplied which provides the challan no. regarding compensation, date of compensation payment of compensation and name of the land owners, the total amount deposited.

Certified copy of letter no.159 dated 12.06.2014 and letter no.6 DA dated 12.06.2014 may be supplied.

Those legal documents of land acquisition may be supplied which reveals that the violations which have been committed and admitted at the time of land acquisition and by misinterpretation the order of the court and the acquisition which have been legally canceled can be restored and the land owners rights can be ignored and without taking any action land can be acquired. This action is violation of natural justice or justice may be granted keeping in view the facts.”

If the afore-extracted portion of the application submitted by the petitioner to the respondent is seen, it reflects on the vagueness of the queries. The respondents have given the particulars of the landowners and those who have accepted the compensation and the ones who were unwilling to do so. The petitioner filed an appeal stating that complete information has not been supplied to him. But if the appeal is to be seen he makes no specific mention of the document not supplied to him. Be that as it may, the State Information Commissioner by virtue of order Annexure P-11 specified itself that the office of the SDM had given the complete information required of him but directed the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran to supply the remaining information as demanded by the petitioner vide its order dated 3.6.2015. Subsequent thereto by virtue of Annexure P-12 the official of the Deputy Commissioner Office appeared to apprise the State Information Commissioner that complete reply regarding 16 registered letters which were asked for by the petitioner had been given on 20.7.2015. Two other officers, the Addl. Deputy Commissioner and the Naib-Tehsildar appeared and offered that the petitioner was free to inspect the relevant record in their office and get the information. The copy of award pertaining to the land acquisition had also been given to the petitioner. The only grievance that the petitioner made before the

State Information Commissioner is that the procedure had not been followed by the S.D.M., Tarn Taran. Apart from that, since the petitioner had the liberty to inspect the relevant record, he ought to have done so. Besides this, the second appeal was clearly not maintainable once the appeal preferred by the petitioner was disposed of on 12.8.2014. Even before this court the petitioner has been unable to show as to what is the deficiency in the information sought by him and the one supplied to him.

I do not thus find any reason to interfere as the petitioner evidently has been granted liberty to inspect the record to his satisfaction.

Dismissed.

23.9.2015
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(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE