

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

CWP No.22398 of 2015

Date of Decision :19.10.2015

Pala Ram and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State Information Officer and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present: Mr. Gurmail Singh Duhan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MAHESH GROVER.J.

The petitioners impugn the order dated 1.9.2015 in which it has been noticed that the information sought for by the petitioners from the Gram Panchayat cannot be given to them on account of the fact that the record was submitted by the Gram Panchayat to the Block Office where it got burnt. It is thus a situation where the information has not been denied on the grounds enumerated in the Right to Information Act but reflecting a position where it cannot be supplied altogether since the record stands destroyed. However, the petitioners have moved a representation (Annexure P-15) to the Deputy Collector, Karnal seeking investigation in the matter. The petition is thus disposed of with a direction to the Deputy Collector, Karnal to look into the issue of burning of record and fix liability in that regard. The needful be done as expeditiously as possible.

19.10.2015
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(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE