

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

CWP No.21500 of 2015

Date of Decision :3.2.2016

Satbir Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commissioner, Haryana
and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present: Mr. Minderjeet Yadav, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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MAHESH GROVER.J.

The petitioner impugns the order dated 20.3.2014 by which penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon him for not supplying the information in time prescribed in the Right to Information Act.

The petitioner, who is the SPIO, did not offer much justification for not supplying the information in time and rather took an untruthful stand of not receiving the application from the information seeker and at the same time passing on blame to him by relying on some letter written by petitioner on 10.10.2013 asking the applicant under the RTI Act to deposit Rs.400/- as document fees.

The fact that the petitioner initially denied the receipt of application and then passing the blame to the RTI applicant by

relying on some communication dated 10.10.2013 itself reveals the untruthful stand of the petitioner. Evidently, the petitioner has cooked up a stand in order to wriggle out of a difficult situation and evade penalty etc.

It is the conceded case that the information was not supplied and it is eventually with the intervention of the Commission that spot inspection of the record was allowed to the applicant.

Since the petitioner has not taken an ambivalent stand and could not justify the non-supply of information, I am of the opinion that no interference is warranted in the impugned order.

Petition dismissed.

3.2.2016
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(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE