

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CWP No.15336 of 2016

Date of decision: September 21, 2017

Balbir Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commissioner & Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: None for the petitioner.
Mr. Rohit Arya, AAG, Haryana.
Mr. Mohit Garg, Advocate for respondent No.3.

Rajan Gupta, J.(oral)

Only grievance of the petitioner is that a penalty of Rs.5000/- was imposed upon him by the State Information Commissioner despite the fact that he acted promptly. His plea is that proper opportunity of hearing was not afforded to him before impugned order was passed.

Learned State counsel submits that on limited issue, matter can be remitted to the State Information Commissioner, Haryana for decision afresh.

This court finds merit in this plea.

Under the circumstances, the matter is remitted to the State Information Commissioner, Haryana on the limited question of imposition of penalty on the petitioner. Order passed to this effect shall be deemed to have been set-aside. Petition is allowed in these terms.

**(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE**

September 21, 2017

'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No