

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CWP-17191-2018

Date of decision:01.08.2018

Hardeep Singh

...PETITIONER

V/S

Punjab State Information Commission and another

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Ms. Jainika Jain Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court assailing the order dated 20.12.2017 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Punjab State Information Commission, whereby the penalty to the tune of ₹25,000/- has been imposed upon the petitioner to be deducted from his salary and deposited with the State Treasury.

I have considered the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner and with her assistance have gone through the impugned order but do not find any merit in the present petition.

It is an admitted position that the information, which has been supplied to respondent No. 2-Jasbir Singh, who has filed an application under the RTI, was delayed by more than 10 months. As is apparent from the order, which has been passed by the State Information Commissioner, this factual aspect cannot be disputed. There has been a delay of 14 months in submission of the reply to the show cause notice, which had been issued

by the State Information Commissioner in respect to the conduct of the petitioner. The conduct of the petitioner before the Commission has been taken note of and accordingly, the penalty has been imposed upon him.

This Court finds no illegality in the said order, which would call for any interference by this Court. The writ petition, therefore, stands dismissed.

1st August, 2018
pj

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/non-speaking</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>