

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

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CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO.6131 OF 2019

DATE OF DECISION: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Tarlochan Singh Bhatia

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State Information Commission, Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Madan Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court, claiming information under the Right to Information Act, whereby certain information, which was sought to be obtained from M/s Ludhiana Wholesale Cloth Merchants Shop-cum-Office Building Society (Regd.), Ludhiana, was refused by the State Information Commission, Punjab, vide order dated 13.08.2015 (Annexure P-3) on the ground that the Society from which the information is being sought is purely a private Society in nature and by no stretch of imagination can be defined as a public authority.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is unable to point out any assets or share of the Government in the said Society. In the light of the above position, M/s Ludhiana Wholesale Cloth Merchants Shop-cum-Office Building Society (Regd.), Ludhiana, cannot be said to be a public authority and, therefore, the information as sought for by the petitioner has rightly

been declined by the State Information Commission, Punjab, vide order dated 13.08.2015 (Annexure P-3). The order, being in accordance with law, does not call for any interference by this Court.

The writ petition, therefore, stands dismissed.

September 26, 2019
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No