

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 06.12.2019

CWP-19325-2017

KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, HARYANA AND ANR.

..RESPONDENTS

WITH CWP-19330-2017

KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER HARYANA & ORS

..RESPONDENTS

WITH CWP-19331-2017

KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, HARYANA AND ANR.

..RESPONDENTS

WITH CWP-19333-2017

KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, HARYANA AND ANR.

..RESPONDENTS

WITH CWP-6137-2018

MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY ROHTAK THROUGH ITS
REGISTRAR & ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION HARYANA & ANOTHER

..RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. B.L.Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP-6137-2018.

Mr. Amit Rao, Advocate,
for Mr. Anurag Goyal, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP Nos. 19325, 19330, 19331 and
19333 of 2017.

Mr. Manish Dadwal, AAG, Haryana,
for respondent No. 1.

Mr. A.S.Yadav, Advocate,
for Mr. Ranvir Prashar, Advocate,
for respondent No. 2 in CWP-19325-2017.

Mr. Vivek Aggarwal, Advocate,
for respondent No. 2 in CWP-19330-2017.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

By this order, I propose to dispose of five writ petitions i.e.
CWP Nos. 19325, 19330, 19331, 19333 of 2017 and 6137 of 2018.

It is an admitted position and as stated by counsel for
respondent No. 2 as well that the order passed by the State Information
Commission, Haryana, whereby information was ordered to be supplied to
respondent No. 2, has been complied with.

The issue, which is now being sought to be projected by the
petitioners, is that the University being an autonomous body is entitled to
charge the fee for supply of information under the Right to Information Act
as has been so determined by it and would not be governed by the
provisions of the Right to Information Act and the rules framed thereunder
by the Government of Haryana.

This plea of the petitioners cannot be accepted as it is apparent
from the provisions of the Statute as well as the rules framed thereunder that
all authorities, which would fall within the ambit of Right to Information
Act, are bound to follow the provisions of the Right to Information Act and

the rules framed thereunder. There is no exception carved in this regard and, therefore, the plea of the petitioners is not sustainable.

These writ petitions being devoid of merit, therefore, stand dismissed.

December 06, 2019

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No