

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

**CWP-2927-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.02.2021**

Khushi Ram	Versus	...Petitioner
State Information Commissioner and Others		...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. C.R.Narwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Mamta Talwar, DAG, Haryana.
(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Grievance of the petitioner *inter alia* is allegedly qua non supply of information to him by respondent no.3-State Public Information Office(SPIO)-cum-Naib Tehsildar, Behal, under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. Learned State counsel on service of the copy of petition joins the proceedings. Having sought advance instructions from Mr. Suresh Kumar, Naib Tehsildar, Behal she argues that on the short ground of concealment alone, petition is liable to be dismissed. She submits that different communications/letters dated 30.10.2019, 27.01.2020, 26.06.2020, 17.08.2020 and 16.09.2020 were conveyed to the petitioner, which are neither appended nor disclosed in the petition. Vide said letters petitioner was asked to inspect the record and thereafter seek/get whichever specific document he needs.

3. Per contra, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is not deliberate concealment. He argues that since the said communications,

were not relevant per him, the same are, therefore, not disclosed in the petition. He further submits that petitioner is not required to inspect the record under Right to Information Act. Once the information is sought, the same has to be supplied in accordance with the provisions of the Act, *ibid*.

4. Be that as it may, no grounds worthy of interference in the extraordinary writ jurisdiction are made out. In case, petitioner does not wish to inspect the records, so be it.

5. Against the alleged non supply of information the petitioner also approached respondent no.1-State Information Commissioner(SIC) and requisite orders have already been passed. Writ petition is, therefore, disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to pursue his remedy under RTI Act, in case he is still aggrieved qua non-compliance of the order now passed by respondent No.1-SIC for non-furnishing of the information by the respondent no.3-SPIO.

6. Disposed of accordingly.

February 12, 2021

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No