

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

**CWP-5890-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 15.03.2021**

Harpal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. N.S. Kamboj Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Challenge in the instant petition is to the order dated 30.10.2020 (Annexure P-4) passed by the Chief Information Commissioner, Haryana in terms of which an appeal preferred by the petitioner under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been dismissed.

Counsel has argued that the petitioner had submitted an application dated 08.08.2020 (Annexure P-1) seeking information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 on five separate issues/points. However, the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Haryana did not furnish any information and no intimation was also furnished regarding the application. Thereafter, a first appeal was filed dated 11.09.2020 and where under also no positive response was evoked. Petitioner was thereafter constrained to file a second appeal and which has been declined in terms of the impugned order dated 30.10.2020 (Annexure P-4) passed by the State Information Commission, Haryana.

It is vehemently contended that denial of information to the petitioner goes against the very objective for which the Right to Information

Act, 2005 has been enacted. It is urged that in the second appeal, the State Information Commission, Haryana was obligated to issue directions to the concerned authorities to furnish information and which has not been done.

Counsel has been heard at length and pleadings on record have been perused.

Perusal of the application that the petitioner had submitted seeking information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been appended as Annexure P-1. The same would reveal that information had been sought on five separate matters/issues relating to different departments. Be that as it may, the application had been addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Haryana.

In the impugned order, the Chief Information Commissioner, Haryana has advised the petitioner to file separate RTI applications with the SPIO of each public authority where from the concerned information is required along with the prescribed fee.

This Court does not find any infirmity in the view taken by the Chief Information Commissioner in the order dated 30.10.2020 (Annexure P-4). No prejudice would be caused to the petitioner if he adheres to the course of action of filing separate RTI applications before the concerned SPIO of the relevant Department.

No intervention in the matter is called for.

Petition is dismissed.

15.03.2021*harjeet***(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable? | Yes/No |