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

CWP-20106-2023

Date of decision: 12.09.2023

Baldeva

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Kamal Kumar Yogi, Legal Aid Counsel
Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana, for the respondents.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.4 to comply with the order dated 09.08.2022 (Annexure P-4) (date of order has wrongly been mentioned as 13.04.2022 in the headnote and prayer clause of the petition).

2. The relevant portion of order dated 09.08.2022 is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, the appeal is disposed of with the following directions:-

1. The respondent SPIO shall furnish the available/permisible solicited information to the appellant related to his RTI application dated 11.12.2020 through registered post within 15 days from the receipt of this order in an attested form, free of cost, under intimation in the Commission.

2. The appellant is at liberty to file a specific rejoinder before

the respondent SPIO, with a copy to the Commission, within 15 days from the receipt of the information.

3. The respondent SPIO shall respond to the appellant's rejoinder within next 15 days under intimation to the Commission.

5. After receipt of the information, the appellant shall be at liberty to inspect the record relating to his RTI application by fixing a mutual convenient date and time with the present SPIO. Consequent upon inspection he can take photocopies dully attested of only relevant documents free of cost.

6. The State Public Information Officer shall send the compliance report to the Commission within 45 days, failing which an appropriate action would be initiated against him for non-compliance..”

3. A perusal of the same would show that under direction No.2, liberty was granted to the petitioner to file a specific rejoinder before the respondent-SPIO.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in view of the said directions, the petitioner be permitted to move a specific application/rejoinder before SPIO bringing out his grievances and the SPIO be directed to consider the same in accordance with law.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to move an application/rejoinder before SPIO detailing his grievances and in case of the petitioner doing so, the SPIO is directed to consider the same as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

12.09.2023

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No**