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

CWP-21686-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.10.2023

Santosh Kumari

...Petitioner

Versus

State Public Information Officer and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Lakshman Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

CM-16567-CWP-2023

1. This is an application filed for grant of leave under Rule 3/A(1) of Chapter VI, Part B, Volume V of Punjab and Haryana High Court Rules and Orders to file the present petition.

2. In view of averments made in the application, the same is allowed and leave is granted under the aforesaid Rules and Orders to file the present petition.

Main case

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to provide the information as per the RTI application dated 06.09.2022.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in the present case, the petitioner had filed a second appeal dated 13.12.2022 (Annexure P-8) and the same has not been finally decided and has made limited prayer that direction may kindly be given to respondent No.3 to decide the second statutory appeal dated 13.12.2022 (Annexure P-8) filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible in a time bound manner in accordance with law.

3. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and limited prayer made, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.3 to decide the statutory second appeal filed by the petitioner dated 13.12.2022 (Annexure P-8) as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

4. This Court has not opined on the merits of the case and respondent No.3 would consider and decide the statutory second appeal of the petitioner independently and in accordance with law.

5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of in view of the abovesaid order.

04.10.2023

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No