

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

CWP No. 695 of 2020 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 23rd February, 2023

Baba Mast Nath University

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana and another

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Ms. Preeti Manderna, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Sharad Aggarwal, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

1. This is a petition seeking quashing of show cause notice dated 18th September, 2019 issued by the State Information Commission, Haryana.
2. The brief facts are that Naresh Kumar filed an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short 'the Act') for seeking information. The information sought was partially supplied vide letter dated 23.4.2018. Aggrieved of non-supply of information, Naresh Kumar preferred first appeal and thereafter second appeal before the State Information Commission. The Commission issued notice under Section 19(3) of the Act. Against the notice, the present petition is filed.
3. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner is self financed University and is not covered under the definition of public authority.
4. For adjudication of the issue raised requires adducing of evidence. The matter is before commission and the challenge is to the show cause notice. No case is made out for interference in the writ jurisdiction.
5. Dismissed.

6. Needless to say that the petitioner would be at liberty to raise all the pleas as raised in this petition before the Commission.

7. Since the main case has been decided, pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

23rd February, 2023
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>