

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

(104)

CWP-1513-2024

Date of decision: - 24.01.2024

Rahul

....Petitioner

Versus

Chief State Information Commissioner, Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Sanyam Khetarpal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents for supplying the information sought by the petitioner under Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that since the information was not supplied to the petitioner, he has filed a second appeal on 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-5), but however, no proceedings have been initiated by the Second Appellate Authority/respondent No.1 in the said appeal. It is further submitted that at this stage, the petitioner would limit his prayer with respect to a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the second appeal dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) in a specified time frame.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents has submitted

that in case the second appeal has been filed by the petitioner in accordance with the established procedure, then, respondent No.1 would consider the said appeal, in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of certified copy of this order.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the second appeal dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-5), as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and respondent No.1 would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

January 24, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No