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2024:PHHC:053085

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision : 20.04.2024

Darshan Lal Sharma

... Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commission, Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Rohit Joshi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.T.P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J.(ORAL)

1. This is a civil writ petition filed under Article 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 sought by the petitioner vide application dated 30.05.2023 (Annexure P-1) under the RTI Act, 2005.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has filed second statutory appeal dated 25.09.2023 before respondent no.1 but the same has not been decided till date. It is further submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage in case respondent no.1 is directed to decide the said statutory appeal in a time bound manner.

3. Learned State counsel has submitted that respondent no.1 would decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a

period of two months from the date of the receipt of certified copy of the present order.

4. Keeping in view the above said facts and circumstances, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.1 to decide the second appeal dated 25.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of two months from the date of the certified copy of the present order.

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

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

April 20, 2024
Davinder Kumar

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