

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

(105)

**2024:PHHC:054126
CWP-8754-2024
Date of Decision: 22.04.2024**

Ravinder Kumar

--Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commission & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL.

Present:- Mr. Bhanu Pratap, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL.J (Oral)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondents no.3 and 4 to expeditiously furnish information/documents as asked by the petitioner in his application dated 23.08.2021 (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the second statutory appeal filed by the petitioner was disposed of vide order dated 16.11.2023 and in the said order it was observed that non-compliance of the order would attract provisions of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act. It is submitted that petitioner had filed an application dated 04.03.2024 (Annexure P-7) to the State Information Commission but no order has been passed on the same. It is prayed that petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied, in case, the competent authority of respondent no.1 is directed to consider the said application dated 04.03.2024 (Annexure P-7).

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that competent authority of respondent No.1 would consider the application dated 04.03.2024 (Annexure P-7) in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

4. Keeping in view the above said facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to competent authority of respondent no.1 to decide the application dated 04.03.2024 (Annexure P-7), in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of seven months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

5. This Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the competent authority of respondent No.1 would consider the case of the petitioner independently, in accordance with law.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

22.04.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No