



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

CWP-23902-2024

Date of decision: 19.09.2024

Rajinder Singh

.....Petitioner

 V/s

State Information Commissioner Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Raj Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

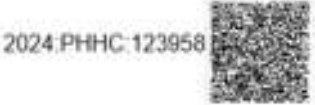
DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)

1. The instant 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 respondent No.1 to decide the pending appeal dated 28.11.2023 (Annexure P-5) filed by the petitioner which has been diarized vide Diary No.28182 dated 29.11.2023 within some stipulated period of time, as not a single date has been given in the appeal.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the appeal dated 28.11.2023 (Annexure P-5) filed before the respondent No.1-State Information Commissioner, Punjab has not been decided for the last more than eight months and submits that petitioner would be satisfied if his appeal is decided by passing a speaking order within a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Neha Sonawane, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the



petitioner and very fairly acknowledged that appeal of the petitioner shall be considered and decided expeditiously.

5. In view of the above submissions, the State Information Commissioner, Punjab-respondent No.1 is directed to consider and decide the appeal of the petitioner dated 28.11.2023 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. The petition stands disposed of.

19.09.2024
Sapna Adhikari

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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