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

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Date of Decision :21.01.2025

Raj Kishan**...Petitioner**

Versus

**State Information Commission, Haryana
and others****....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Petitioner in person.

Ms. Saurabh Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

None for respondent No.5.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. In the present petition, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is that though, the information has been supplied to him but the same was supplied after a delay hence, respondent No.1 the State Information Commission, Haryana should have imposed a cost upon respondent No.5 by enforcing Section 20(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. Learned State counsel submits that the information has already been supplied and finding has already been recorded by the State Information Commission that there was no intentional delay on the part of the officer concerned and the show cause notices though issued but were



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dropped and hence, the prayer of the petitioner may kindly be rejected.

3. I have heard the petitioner, who appears in person as well as learned counsel for the respondent-State and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

4. Once, it is clear that information has already been supplied to the petitioner, the only grievance of the petitioner is that the same was supplied after delay.

5. Qua the said argument, a notice was issued under Section 20(1) of the Right to Information, 2005 to the respondent No.5 but keeping in view the reply given, the Information Commission found that there was no delay and the notice was dropped. Once, a finding has been recorded that there was no delay and the notice has been dropped, in the writ petition jurisdiction which is discretionary, no ground is made out to upset the said order so as to make liable the respondent No.5 for penalty.

6. Keeping in view the above, no ground for interference by this Court is made out and the writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

January 21, 2025
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No