

CWP No. 20692 of 2022 (O&M) and
CWP No. 20950 of 2022 (O&M)

2025:PHHC:023731



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(Sr. No. 227)

(1)

CWP No. 20692 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 18.02.2025

Vinod Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

Equine Breeding Stud and others

...Respondents

(2)

CWP No. 20950 of 2022 (O&M)

Vinod Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

Equine Breeding Stud and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner
in both cases.

Ms. Archana Vashisht, Advocate for
Mr. Gaurav Pathak, Advocate for respondents No. 1 to 3
in both cases.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Senior Panel Counsel
for respondent No. 4-UOI in both cases.

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

1. In the present petitions, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is that certain information sought by the petitioner vide application dated 03.12.2020 (Annexure P-1) and application dated 31.12.2020 (Annexure P-1) in both cases have not been supplied and even the



application filed before the Central Information Commission by the petitioner has been rejected vide order dated 28.06.2022 (Annexure P-4) in CWP-20692-2022 and (Annexure P-5) in CWP-20950-2022.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that information was sought with regard to the grant of approval for running a Dairy in Horse Breeding Stud maintained by the Indian Army situated in Hisar.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the said Horse Breeding Stud Farm in Hisar was established and being run by the Army and the details of the same cannot be given and nothing has come on record as to why the petitioner is concerned with the grant of the approval for running of the Dairy in the Stud Horse Unit.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

5. The petitioner has *prima-facie*, shown no aspect as to how he is concerned with the information sought. Though, intention to seek information is not necessary but when same concerns Indian Army and same can be sought by Court to eradication the situation as to whether same should be allowed or not. The Army has established a Horse Breeding Stud Farm in Hisar where according to the petitioner, a Dairy is also being run. It should be noted that the animals which are kept in the Stud Farm are for purposes which the Army deem fit and not for the General Public and any information disclosed herein can lead to compromise of any kind of vital information.



6. Further, nothing has come on record that why the petitioner is interested in seeking such information, especially how many eggs have been produced in one month and how many Cows, Goats and Chicken are kept there. This shows that the information is not being sought for any useful purpose but only for other reasons best known to the petitioner.

7. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner actually needs only the information qua the approval of the Ministry of Defence, Government of India to run the Dairy in the Hisar Unit. It may be noticed that once the land was in the occupation of the Indian Army and the same was being used for a particular purpose by the Indian Army, whether any approval of the Ministry of Defence, Government of India to run a Dairy in the said land was given or not, is of no concern of the petitioner and can compromise the security of the Institution run by the Army for their own purpose.

8. No ground is made out for any interference by this Court in the present petitions.

9. Dismissed.

10. Pending miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

11. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected cases.

February 18, 2025
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No