



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

CWP-PIL-186-2024

Date of decision : 22.01.2025

Parvinder Singh Kittna

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Sunaina, Advocate, for  
Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

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**SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE ( Oral )**

1. This PIL has been filed raising the alleged public cause of non-fulfillment of two vacant posts of the State Information Commissioners in the State of Punjab.

2. Learned counsel for the State of Punjab has filed status report by way of affidavit dated 20.01.2025, duly sworn by the Under Secretary, Department of Governance Reforms and Public Grievance Punjab, which is taken on record. The same *inter alia* reveals thus :

“5. That so far as the status of the appointment of the Information Commissioners on remaining posts is concerned, it is submitted that the Selection Committee headed by the Hon’ble Chief Minister, with Hon’ble Health & Family Welfare Minister and Hon’ble Leader of



*Opposition as members, has already finalized the names of two candidates from the list of the names which were recommended by Search-cum-Screening Committee headed by Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab.*

6. *Now the file is awaiting decision of His Excellency, the Governor, Punjab for according his assent on the two names finalized by the Selection Committee as mentioned in Para 5 above. It is submitted that as soon as the assent on the names is granted by His Excellency the Governor, Punjab the notification in this regard will be issued by the respondents.”*

3. In view of the aforesaid, it appears that the process of selection and appointment of the State Information Commissioners is at the final stage awaiting concurrence of the Governor of Punjab and issuance of appointment letters.

4. Since bonafides have been shown by the State of Punjab, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of this petition with liberty to the petitioner to re-visit the Court in case the aforesaid appointments do not take place.

( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE

( SUMEET GOEL )  
JUDGE

January 22, 2025  
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