



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

CWP-22879-2025

Date of decision: 07.08.2025

Babban Zaidi

....Petitioner

Versus

The State Information Commission, Haryana, and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Ajit Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant writ petition, cast under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of a Mandamus upon the State Public Information Officer-cum-Estate Officer, Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran-respondent No.2, to comply with the orders dated 18.02.2025 (Annexure P-8), and 09.04.2025 (Annexure P-10).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite a specific direction issued by the State Information Commission, upon the First Appellate Authority to decide the first appeal of the petitioner, within the prescribed time under Section 19 (6) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, no decision thereon, has been taken. He further submits that rather than complying with the direction (supra), the First Appellate Authority has passed an order dated 09.04.2025, directing respondent No.2, to make compliance of the order dated 18.02.2025,



passed by the State Information Commission, Haryana. Therefore, he submits that though, a considerable time has elapsed, but neither the requisite information has been supplied to the petitioner, nor his first appeal has been decided till date. In this backdrop, the petitioner was left with no other option, but to approach this Court.

3. *Ex facie*, this Court is of the considered view that the instant petition is a misconceived motion, as the State Information Commission, vide order dated 18.02.2025, remitted the matter to the First Appellate Authority, with a direction to decide the appeal, preferred by the petitioner, on merits, within the stipulated time, as provided under the Act. Further, the petitioner was also granted liberty to file second appeal, post decision by the First Appellate Authority, if the occasion so arises.

4. In such circumstances, this Court finds no reason to issue the asked for Mandamus, at this stage, as the petitioner is equipped with the liberty, as granted by the State Information Commission.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is **dismissed**.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

07.08.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No