

**CWP-36226-2018****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****(300-4)****CWP-36226-2018****Date of Decision : February 19, 2025****Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta****.. Petitioner****Versus****State Information Commission, Haryana and others****.. Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Jindal, Addl. A.G., Haryana, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Puneet Gupta, Advocate, for respondents No. 2 and 3.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. In the present writ petition, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is that the petitioner had sought information through e-mail by depositing the required fees in the bank account of respondent public authority but the said information has not been supplied to him on the ground that the petitioner has not submitted a written application appending his signatures.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even the Information Commission has not accepted the said form of demand of information though the same is covered under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

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3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No. 2 and 3- University submits that in order to weed out the bogus applications, the petitioner was asked to submit a written application with signatures which has not been submitted and in case, he wants information and the application is submitted by him in writing along with signatures, the information will be supplied to the petitioner within a period of 30 days.

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

5. Though, the University has a right to be vigilant that no one else uses the e-mail address of another person but once the person who has sent the e-mail confirms his identity and request for supply of the information, the demand of a written application along with signatures, is not envisaged under Section 6 of 2005 Act.

6. In the present case, the petitioner is present here before this Court seeking the information which makes it clear that the information as sought, is being sought by the petitioner himself only.

7. Keeping in view the said fact, the let the information sought be supplied to the petitioner within a period of 30 days as envisaged under law.

8. The present writ petition is disposed of in above terms.

February 19, 2025*harsha***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No