



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

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LPA No.977 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.04.2026

KRISHAN KUMAR

.....Appellant

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Bhavnik Mehta, Advocate, for the appellant.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

1. In the present appeal, the challenge is to the impugned order dated 09.03.2026 passed by the learned Single Judge, whereby the request made by the appellant that his second appeal preferred under Right to Information Act, 2005 pending before the State Information Commission, Haryana (hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission') should be taken up out of turn and the same is to be decided at an early actual date, has been declined and his petition has been dismissed.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant argues that an appeal qua non-furnishing of the information by the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat, Block Safidon, District Jind, Haryana has been filed before the Commission and the same is pending for almost two years and the said appeal is not being taken up for consideration which is causing prejudice to the appellant but the learned Single Judge, did not appreciate the said argument though, getting the appeal decided in a time bound manner is the right of an applicant seeking information.

3. We have heard the learned counsel for the appellant and have gone through the record with his able assistance.



4. Nothing has come on record that the adjournment is being granted by the Commission without any cogent reason or, the appeal filed by the appellant is not being heard. The learned Single Judge has noticed that there are several appeals which are pending before the Commission prior to the date, the appeal preferred by the appellant. Nothing has been mentioned as to the urgency due to which, the Court should interfere so as to request the Commission to decide the appeal filed by the appellant in preference to the appeals already filed prior to the date of the institution of the appeal by the appellant. Though, it can be well appreciated that the appeal should be decided at the earliest but, keeping in view the volume of appeals, which are pending, the view has rightly been taken by the learned Single Judge that no exceptional circumstances exist in the case of the appellant to hear the said appeal out of turn.

5. Further, the learned Single Judge has already granted liberty to the appellant to approach the Commission for expeditiously deciding the appeal. Despite availing the said remedy, the present appeal has been preferred by the appellant. Keeping in view the totality of the circumstances, the order passed by the learned Single Judge needs no interference at the hands of this Court. The present appeal is dismissed accordingly.

6. Miscellaneous application pending, if any, is also disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes
Whether Reportable : No