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

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Date of Decision : May 18, 2026

SOMVEER

-PETITIONER

V/S

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, HARYANA AND OTHERS

-RESPONDENTS

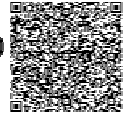
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Shiv Kumar Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant writ petition has been instituted seeking a direction to the State Information Commission, Haryana, to decide the petitioner's second appeal (Annexure P-4), preferred under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, within a fixed time frame.
2. At the very outset, it is apposite to record that the instant writ petition constitutes a second round of litigation arising out of the same cause of action, inasmuch as the petitioner had earlier approached this Court by filing CWP-35396-2025 seeking identical relief, which was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 29.11.2025.
3. It is also imperative to note that when the matter was initially taken up at its turn in the pre-lunch session, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner sought permission to withdraw the writ petition, and accordingly, the same was dismissed as withdrawn. However, during the post-lunch session, learned counsel made a request for adjudication of the writ petition on merits.



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Since the earlier order had not yet been signed, the matter was again taken up for consideration on merits at the request of learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and upon perusal of the record, this Court finds no ground for entertaining the instant writ petition. There is no material change in circumstances subsequent to the withdrawal of the earlier writ petition so as to warrant institution of the present proceedings. A perusal of the instant writ petition reveals that the second appeal was filed on 30.07.2025. The petitioner has also not placed on record any interim orders or other material to explain the reasons for non-adjudication of the second appeal. Further, this Court is neither apprised of the docket position of State Information Commission, nor does it find any cogent ground to disturb the seniority of pending matters or to direct an out-of-turn hearing of the petitioner's second appeal. If this Court begins to encourage such writ petitions, individuals like the petitioner may take the route of Constitutional Courts to have their cases listed and heard out-of-turn, which may have a cascading effect on the regular functioning of the State Information Commission.

5. Accordingly, in the absence of any exceptional circumstance warranting issuance of a direction for expeditious disposal of the petitioner's second appeal, and further keeping in view the conduct of the petitioner in instituting the instant writ petition on the very same cause of action without any material change in circumstances, the instant writ petition is **dismissed with costs of ₹10,000/-** to be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority concerned.

May 18, 2026
Manpreet/devinder

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No