



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

**CWP-23309-2022 (O&M)**

Date of Decision: **29.04.2026**

**BALJIT SINGH**

.....Petitioner

**VERSUS**

**STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB AND ORS.**

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)**

**CM-3694-CWP-2023**

Application is allowed, as prayed for, subject to all just exceptions, and a copy of the order dated 20.01.2021, is taken on record as Annexure P-8.

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1. Through the instant petition, cast under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of a *mandamus* upon respondent no.1, to decide the complaint dated 20.09.2021 (Annexure P-7), filed by the petitioner.

2. A co-ordinate bench of this Court vide order dated 12.10.2022, adjourned the instant matter *sine die*, with a direction to be listed as and when, the learned counsel for the petitioner, places on record

copy of reply dated 07.01.2021 and 20.01.2021, as reflected in the order dated 10.06.2021 (Annexure P-6).

3. In compliance to the aforesaid direction, though the learned counsel for the petitioner, has placed on record the reply dated 20.01.2021, however, reply dated 07.01.2021, has not been placed on record.

4. Today, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioner, in Court.

5. Upon perusal of the prayer in the instant petition, as made by the petitioner, this Court can observe that, instant petition, is a misconceived motion, as, despite the petitioner being seized of an alternate and efficacious statutory remedy for redressal of his grievance before the competent authority concerned, yet he has sidetracked the said remedy and has straightway approach this Court, through instituting the present petition.

7. Therefore, the instant petition, is **dismissed**, being not maintainable before this Court. However, with liberty to the petitioner to approach the competent authority concerned, at the first instance for redressal of his grievance.

8. All pending application(s), if any, also stand **disposed** of accordingly.

**April 29, 2026**  
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**(KULDEEP TIWARI)**  
**JUDGE**

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