

BEFORE THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY
(Under the Right to Information Act, 2005)
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

Appeal No. 5460 of 2022

Rahul Poswal	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated October 06, 2022 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated October 20, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/22/00630) dated October 22, 2022. I have carefully considered the application, the response and the appeal and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.
2. **Ground of appeal-** On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided with respect to query number 2 of his application. In view of the submission made by the appellant in his appeal, I am only dealing with the said query and the response provided thereto, in this order.
3. **Query number 2-** The appellant, vide query number 2, sought the following information-

2. Details of instances of data breach of employees records for the period 2018-2022.
4. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid query, informed that the query is not clear and specific. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “information”, as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that he wanted specific information regarding number of instances of data breach of employees records in SEBI during 2018-2022.
5. I have perused query number 2 raised by the appellant and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I agree with the response of the respondent that the query is not clear. Further, it is difficult to ascertain what exact information has been sought by the appellant. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Shri S. C. Sharma vs. CPIO, Securities and Exchange Board of India* (Decision dated August 30,

2012), the Hon'ble CIC held: *"Since the Appellant had not clearly stated what exact information he wanted, the CPIO could not have provided any specific information to him....."* In view of these observations, I find that no further intervention is warranted at this stage.

6. In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the decision of the respondent. The Appeal is accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai

Date: November 15, 2022

**ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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