

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

Appeal No. 5670 of 2023

Harbans Singh Sahni	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00090) dated April 28, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated May 09, 2023, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00090) dated May 10, 2023. 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. **Queries in the application** –The appellant, vide his application dated April 28, 2023, sought the following information:

“This has a reference to My complaint launched in sebi with reference to company Gradiante infotainment ltd and its RTA Karry computer Share private limited 1. Kindly provides Grounds Submitted by Sebi to Right to information Act specified that pertains to a settlement with full details and from which year it pertains to settlement matter.”
3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid application, observed that the appellant’s matter was heard by the Hon’ble CIC ten times and orders were passed on various dates during the period from June 04, 2020 to November 10, 2022. The respondent also referred to the remarks made by the Hon’ble CIC while dismissing few of the second appeals filed by the appellant. In the said orders passed by the Hon’ble CIC, the appellant was advised to approach the appropriate forum to redress his grievances. Accordingly, the respondent advised the appellant to restrain from filing repeated RTI applications with respect to similar issues on the subject matter in future and approach the appropriate forum to redress his grievance.

4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that access to the requested information was refused. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that his application pertains to file notings with respect to order passed by SEBI and CIC and the same cannot be refused under the RTI Act.
5. I have considered the application and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I find that the query is vague and not specific. 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 the same, I find that the query cannot be construed as seeking "information", as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
6. In view of the above observations, I find no interference is warranted at this stage. The appeal is accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai

Date: June 09, 2023

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