

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

Appeal No. 5487 of 2022

Ajay Basudev Bose	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated November 05, 2022 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated November 14, 2022 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No SEBIH/A/E/22/00643) dated November 15, 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. **Queries in the application** –The appellant, vide his application dated November 05, 2022, sought the following information:
 - 1) *Please provide Share price of Ruchi Soya as on 15th November 2019*
 - 2) *Please provide Share price of Ruchi Soya now Patanjali Foods on 20th June 2020*
 - 3) *Please provide share price of Ruchi Soya now Patanjali Foods on 14th September 2020*
3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the information sought is publicly available on Exchange websites of NSE and BSE. The respondent also provided the links for accessing the said websites.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that the information provided was incomplete, misleading or false. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that the requested information is not available on the websites of NSE and BSE.
5. I have perused the queries and the response provided thereto. I do not find any reason to disbelieve the response of the respondent that the information requested in the said queries, are already available on the

website of SEBI and the same can be accessed by the public. On consideration, I find that the answer to such queries can be found out by the appellant by accessing the information available on the websites of NSE and BSE (under Historical Data), which is in the public domain. Further, if the relevant information is already available in the public domain, the same cannot be said to be information held by the public authority and consequently there is no obligation to provide such information to an applicant under the RTI Act. In view of these observations, I find that the respondent cannot be obliged to research and deduce anything from the information which is already available in the public domain and then provide the same to the appellant. Notwithstanding the same, I note that the respondent has guided the appellant to refer to the websites where the relevant details regarding share prices have been disclosed. Therefore, I find that the queries have been adequately addressed and no fault can be found with the response.

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: December 07, 2022

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