

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

Appeal No. 6541 of 2025

Prabir Guha	:	Appellant
Vs		
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated July 17, 2025 (received by SEBI on July 21, 2025) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated July 30, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated Nil (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on September 01, 2025). I have perused the application, the response of the respondent and the appeal and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.
2. **Query in the application-** The appellant, vide his application dated July 17, 2025, sought the following information:

“ Particular information required – whether an amount of Rs 9,56,560/-

Details information required – invested under client ID – DIV86241 from 2016 to till date.”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the query is not clear and specific and is in the nature of seeking clarification. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as "information", as defined u/s 2(f) of the RTI Act.
4. **Ground of appeal** – On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response of the respondent.

5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I concur with the response of the respondent that the appellant's query is vague and not specific. It is an established law that the information sought for in order to be disclosable under the RTI Act, must be clear, specific and available in the records of the public authority. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Mr. T. V. Sundaresan vs. CPIO, Securities and Exchange Board of India* (Decision dated November 24, 2021), the Hon'ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as "**CIC**") held: "*The framework of the RTI Act, 2005 expects that the information sought is specific and believed to be existing with the public authority in documented or material form as such; which can be shared with the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act. Answering to broad, multiple and general queries and presumptive documents that should have been generated as per the expectation of the appellant cannot be furnished under the provisions of the Act.*" Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.
6. I also note that appellant has raised the exact queries only in his appeal. As held by Hon'ble CIC in *Harish Prasad Divedi vs. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited* (decided on January 28, 2014), an information seeker cannot be allowed to expand the scope of his RTI enquiry at appeal stage. Accordingly, I find that the said submissions do not warrant consideration at this stage.
7. 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: September 29, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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