

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

Appeal No. 6316 of 2025

Avinash R S : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated January 17, 2025 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated January 31, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00031) dated February 05, 2025. 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, in his application dated January 17, 2025, sought the following information:

“1. My specific rank in the waiting list for the SEBI Grade A exam 2024-General stream under the OBC category.

2. The total number of candidates included in the OBC category waiting list for the SEBI Grade A exam 2024- General stream

3. The total number of candidates appointed from the OBC category waiting list for the SEBI Grade A exam 2022-General stream.”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to query nos. 1-2 in the application, informed that the information regarding merit rank list is available on SEBI website under “careers” section and provided the link for accessing same. The respondent, in response to query no. 3, informed that the information sought by the appellant is not readily available. The respondent also informed that for

providing a response to the same, data which is maintained in separate files need to be collated and manpower will have to be devoted for the same. This would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority. Hence, the same is exempt is u/s 7(9) of the RTI Act.

4. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant, in his appeal, has submitted that he was provided incomplete, misleading or false information.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. With regard to query nos. 1 and 2, I find that the respondent has adequately addressed the queries by providing the information available with him. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.
6. With regard to query no.3, I note that the requested information has been denied by the respondent under section 7(9) of the RTI Act. On consideration, I note that the requested information, *prima facie*, does not appear to be voluminous and complex in nature. Considering the nature of the information requested, I am of the view that the respondent was obliged to ascertain availability of the requested information with SEBI and whether the same may be provided to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Accordingly, on consideration, I find that the said query not been adequately addressed by the respondent and the same warrants reconsideration.
7. Considering the above observations, I remit the application to the respondent for de novo consideration of query no. 3. in the application and sending appropriate response to the appellant in terms of RTI Act, within 15 working days from the date of receipt of this order.
8. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

Date: March 05, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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