

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

Appeal No. 5698 of 2023

Amit Jain	:	Appellant
Vs		
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated May 07, 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 29, 2023, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00118) dated May 29, 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 May 07, 2023, sought the following information:

“Please provide all communication copy between SEBI and Quicktouch Technologies Limited with CIN: U74900DL2013PLC329536 from 1st April 2022 to 5th May 2023. Please also provide copy of communications from 1st April 2022 to 5th May 2023 with Lead Manager SHARE INDIA CAPITAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED. Please also provide copy of communications from 1st April 2022 to 5th May 2023 with Lead Manager KHAMBATTA SECURITIES LIMITED”
3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the queries are vague and not specific and accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “Information”, as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
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 public authorities must be transparent.

5. I have perused the queries and the response provided thereto. I note that the appellant sought copy of all communications made with certain entities. In my opinion, the information sought is not specific. In this regard, I note that the Hon'ble CIC, in the matter of *Ms. Sarika Jain vs. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited* (order dated April 25, 2014) observed that "*As regards the first part i.e. copies of all documents in relation to the contracts mentioned in the RTI application, the Commission finds that the term 'all' used by the Appellant here is very vague and does not pin point the particular document she wants to obtain from the Respondents. The Appellant is, therefore, advised to be more specific and identify the documents she wants to obtain from the Respondents.*" In view of these observations, I find that the queries are not specific and the same does not indicate the particular document that the appellant wants to obtain from the respondent. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in 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: June 21, 2023

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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