

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

Appeal No. 5956 of 2024

James Benadit K : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated January 25, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated February 08, 2024, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated February 08, 2024, with respect to which an order dated February 23, 2024 (in Appeal No. 5910 of 2024) was passed by this forum, directing the respondent to reconsider request nos. 1 and 2 of the application of the appellant. Thereafter, the respondent issued a letter dated March 11, 2024. The appellant, has now filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00054), dated March 19, 2024 for non-compliance of the said order dated February 23, 2024. 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. I note that the appellant in his application dated January 25, 2024 sought the following information:

“1. Please provide the sanctioned strength of Grade A Generalist Officers, Total Grade A Generalist Officers working and the current vacancy of Grade A Generalist Officers

2. Please provide the sanctioned strength of Grade A Electrical Officers, Total Grade A Electrical Officers working and the current vacancy of Grade A Electrical Officers”
3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid requests, informed that sanctioned strength is determined from time to time as per manpower requirements and work exigencies. Further, with regard to the request regarding vacancy, the respondent informed that vacancies arise due to promotions, resignations and retirements of employees and that SEBI undertakes recruitment and promotion exercises periodically to fill up the vacancies. I note that this forum, in order dated February 23, 2024, observed that the appellant had sought very specific information, vide requests nos. 1 and 2 of his application.

Hence, the response of the respondent is very generic and does not appear to be adequate. Accordingly, the aforesaid requests in the application dated January 25, 2024 was remitted to the respondent for reconsideration and for sending appropriate response in terms of the RTI Act.

4. The respondent, in his appeal, has *inter alia*, submitted that the respondent vide letter dated March 11, 2024 has provided incomplete information. I note that the respondent vide his earlier RTI application had sought information regarding strength and current vacancy of Grade A Generalist Officers and Grade A Electrical Officers. On consideration, I find that the respondent, vide letter dated March 11, 2024, has provided the information regarding the total strength and as regards request pertaining to vacancies, the respondent has, *inter alia*, informed that that the details regarding the same are published on SEBI website. I note that the information regarding vacancies is available on SEBI website under the head "Careers". The appellant may accordingly be guided by the same. In view of the above, I find that the respondent, vide letter dated March 11, 2024, has adequately addressed the said requests by providing the information available with him. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.
5. In view of the above observations, I am of the opinion that the respondent had sent an appropriate response to the appellant in compliance with the order dated February 23, 2024. I, therefore, find that nothing survives in the appeal and the same has become infructuous.
6. The Appeal is accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai

Date: April 8, 2024

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