

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

Appeal No. 5576 of 2023

Anjan	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated January 03, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated January 30, 2023, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00027) dated February 01, 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. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that the information provided was incomplete, misleading or false. On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided with respect to query number 1 of his application. In view of the submissions made by the appellant in his appeal, I am only dealing with the said query and the response provided thereto, in this order.
3. **Query number 1-** The appellant, vide query number 1, sought the LFC amount eligibility for Assistant Manager with Basic pay of Rs. 44,500/-.
4. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid query, informed that the LFC entitlement for Assistant Manager drawing basic pay of Rs. 44,500/- is Rs. 8304/- per person. Further, the respondent informed that under LFC scheme, employee can claim LFC for self, spouse and eligible dependent family members. The appellant, in his appeal, sought the LFC entitlement amount as a consolidated figure available once in a block of 2 years.

5. I have perused the query and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I find that the respondent has adequately addressed the query by providing the information available on record. Accordingly, no further intervention is warranted at this stage.
6. Further, I note that the appellant, in his appeal, sought the copies of circulars/guidelines with respect to LFC in SEBI. I find that this query was raised for the first time in this appeal. As held by the 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 request does 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: February 14, 2023

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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