

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

Appeal No. 6265 of 2025

Shrikant Ram : Appellant
Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated December 05, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated December 24, 2024, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00301) dated December 24, 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. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, vide his application dated December 05, 2024, sought the following information:

“ 1.Categories wise Phase-1, phase-2 and phase-3 marks of candidates selected in SEBI Grade A exam in 2020 For generalist post

2.Categories wise Phase-1, phase-2 and phase-3 marks of candidates selected in SEBI Grade A exam in 2022 for generalist post”

3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to queries in the application, informed that the information sought by the appellant is enormous in nature and maintained in separate files. The information has to be collated and a lot of time and manpower will have to be devoted for the same. This would disproportionately diver the resources of the public authority. Hence the same is exempt u/s section 7(9) of the RTI Act.

However, respondent also informed that the information related to minimum marks secured by the last selected candidate in the recruitment exercise, 2020 and 2022 for Grade A officers (General Stream) are available on SEBI website under “careers” section. The respondent also provided the links for accessing the same.

4. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he was refused access to the information requested.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I note that the requested information is not readily available with the respondent in the manner as sought by the appellant and that the respondent would be required to find and collate the information. In my opinion, such collation would disproportionately divert the resources of SEBI and would defeat ‘the practical regime of right to information’ as envisaged in the preamble of the RTI Act. In this context, I note that the Hon’ble Central Information Commission, in the matter of *Mr. Deepak Girdhar vs. CPIO, SEBI* (Order dated March 30, 2021), observed that “6. *The Commission, after hearing the submissions of the respondent and after perusal of records, observes that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous in nature and may not be readily available with the CPIO in the manner as sought by the appellant, collating and compiling of which would disproportionately divert the resources of the respondent organization. Hence, the disclosure of information is exempted as per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act.*” In view of these observations, 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: January 20, 2025

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