

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

Appeal No. 6173 of 2024

Harbans Singh Sahni	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated August 29, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated September 20, 2024 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg.No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00227) dated September 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. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, vide his application dated August 29, 2024 sought the following information:

" It was stated under RTI I had filled 116 RTI which preatains to same issue

Kindly provide the 3RD oct 2017 full details statement of my complaint written submission file to sebi Against Company Gradiante infotainment Ltd including cause of Action of year

Kindly provide the 12 Feb 2018 full details statement of My complaint written submission file to sebi Against Company Gradiante infotainment involving RTA including cause of Action of year"

3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to query in the application informed the applicant that due to size constraints the action report of the complaints could not be uploaded on the RTI MIS Portal. The respondent, further, informed that the attachments would therefore be forwarded to respondent separately through post on payment of fees as prescribed under the RTI Act. The respondent also informed the details of the fees payable in this regard and mode of payment of such fees.

4. Further, respondent informed the applicant that he had filed 124 RTI applications from August, 2018 till date. The respondent further observed that the appellant's matter was heard by the Hon'ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as "**CIC**") ten times and orders were passed on various dates during the period from June 04, 2020 to November 10, 2022. Further, the appellant's third application filed before the Hon'ble CIC was disposed of on December 23, 2021, *inter -alia*, with the observation that the CPIO is not obliged to provide clarification/confirmations to the applicant with respect to redressal of his grievances. It was also observed that filing multiple RTI applications pertaining to similar issues will not entitle him to receive the requested information. Further, the Hon'ble CIC, advised and restrained the appellant from filing repeated RTI applications with respect to the similar issues in future. Similarly, the respondent referred to the other orders passed by the Hon'ble CIC in similar matters, wherein the appellant was, *inter alia*, advised to approach appropriate forum to redress his grievances. Accordingly, the respondent advised the appellant to restrain from filing repeated RTI applications with respect to similar issues on the subject matter in future and approach appropriate forum to redress his grievance.

5. **Ground of appeal** The appellant filed the appeal on the ground that information provided was incomplete, misleading or false information.

6. I have perused the aforesaid request and the response provided thereto. I note that information has been provided by the respondent with respect to the complaint of applicant dated February 12, 2018 pertaining to SCORES complaint bearing Reg no. SEBI/AP18/0000044/1. In this regard, appellant has submitted in his appeal that "*RTI information Received with reference to 12 Feb 2018 Ref SEBIE/AP18/0000044/1 Only against Company Gradiante infotainment Ltd but does not involve RTA*

And My RTI Preatains with reference to 12 Feb 2018 against the Company Gradiante involving RTA so on 12 February 2018 my complaint against the company Gradiante infotainment Ltd involving RTA Ref SEBIE/DH18/0000143/1"

Therefore, it appears that appellant seems to be seeking information pertaining to a complaint dated February 12, 2018 bearing Reg. no. SEBIE/DH18/0000143/1, filed by him with the SEBI

7. With regard to the above submissions of the appellant, I note that appellant in his RTI application had not mentioned any reference no. with respect to his complaint dated February 12, 2018 and has stated

the same only in his submissions filed in the present appeal. In view of the aforementioned additional information, I find it appropriate to remit the application to the respondent for *de novo* consideration of the application and sending appropriate response to the appellant in terms of RTI Act, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

8. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

Date: October 17, 2024

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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