

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

Appeal No. 6955 of 2026

Divyanshu Namdev : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated May 27, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated June 01, 2026 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated July 02, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00239). I have perused the application, the response of the respondent 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 in his application sought the following information:

“I have applied for the SEBI Grade A Legal officer 2025-26 examination with Roll No.1801000xxxx and Registration No. 717110xxx for the post of Legal Officer under the OBC category.I have successfully cleared Phase-I and appeared for the Phase-II examination. I kindly request the following information at your earliest convenience:

1.Marks obtained by me in the Phase-II examination with sectional marks.

2.Marks obtained by me in English and Legal descriptive test.

3.Maximum and minimum marks obtained by a candidate in Phase-II in all categories.

4.Maximum and minimum marks obtained by a candidate in Phase-II in all categories.

5.Phase-II cutoff marks for the all categories for the post of Legal officer.

The information sought pertains solely to my own examination performance and is therefore disclosable under Sections 3 and 6 of the RTI Act, 2005.”

3. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response to the application, informed that SEBI Recruitment Exercise 2025 for recruitment of Grade A Officers is under process. The respondent also informed that the information regarding the marks obtained by candidates in Phase II examination and cut off marks will be published on SEBI website under “career section”, post completion of recruitment exercise for Grade A officers, 2025.
4. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he was refused access to information requested.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I note that the respondent informed that the SEBI Recruitment Exercise 2025 for recruitment of Grade A Officers was under process and that the individual marks obtained and the cut-off marks obtained will be published, post completion of recruitment exercise for Grade A officers, 2025. It is understood that the recruitment process was not over at the time of reply of the respondent and that the pre-mature disclosure might have hindered the ongoing process. In this context, I note that Hon’ble Madras High Court in its decision in *Vidya Devarajan vs The Secretary, TNPSC* (W.P.Nos.10010 of 2015 and 3611 of 2020, Date of decision: February 18, 2020) had observed that “*Before us as well as before the Division Bench and the Hon'ble Supreme Court, TNPSC had taken a specific stand that till viva voce is conducted and the process of selection is over, no candidate is entitled to get copies of answer books. If a direction is issued for production of copy of answer book, it will hamper the purity of the selection process and if every candidate seeks copies of the answer books even before the commencement of viva voce, the entire selection process may be derailed. it is held that the candidates who had participated in the written examination as a part of the recruitment process and who have not been called for viva voce are not entitled to receive the answer sheets and the marks before completion of the entire selection process for such recruitment.*” In view of the aforesaid, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.
6. Additionally, I note that the SEBI Recruitment Exercise 2025 for recruitment of Grade A Officers has now concluded. I also note that marks obtained by candidates in phase II examination, cut off marks in phase II examination and marks secured by 135 selected candidates in the SEBI Recruitment of Officers Grade A (Assistant Manager), 2025 are now available on the SEBI website. The link and path to access the same are reproduced hereunder:

Cut-off marks for Phase II examination

Link: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/careerdetail.jsp?careerId=435>

Path: Home » About » Careers » Miscellaneous

Marks obtained by candidates in phase II examination

Link: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/results/result-grade-A-phase2.html>

Path: Home » About » Careers » Results

Marks secured by 135 selected candidates

Link: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/careerdetail.jsp?careerId=443>

Path: Home » About » Careers » Miscellaneous

7. In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need for further intervention of this forum. The appeal is accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai

Date: July 30, 2026

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