

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

Appeal No. 5172 of 2022

Manohar Govindrao Kothekar	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated May 18, 2022 (received by SEBI on May 20, 2022) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated June 15, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated July 08, 2022 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on July 13, 2022). 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, vide his application dated May 18, 2022, sought the following information regarding Nakshatra Stressed Assets Fund:-

“1. Please provide copy of all documents from the time of application form till issue of Registration Certificate with file Noting. (Provide the copy of all documents in said file).”

3. The respondent, in response to the query 1, informed that the query is not clear and specific. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “information”, as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act.

4. **Ground of appeal-** On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided by the respondent. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that SEBI cannot deny in sharing the documents submitted by the fund as nothing is private since the time SEBI registered the said Fund.

5. On perusal of the query, I note that the appellant has sought copy of all documents from the time of application form till issue of Registration Certificate. I find that the information sought therein is not clear and specific. In this regard, The Hon’ble CIC in the matter of *Ms. Sarika Jain vs. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited* (order dated April 25, 2014) held that “*As regards the first part*

i.e. copies of all documents in relation to the contracts mentioned in the RTI application, the Commission finds that the term "all" used by the Appellant here is very vague and does not pin point the particular document she wants to obtain from the Respondents. The Appellant is, therefore, advised to be more specific and identify the documents she wants to obtain from the Respondents” In view of these observations, I find that the respondent is not obliged to provide information where the information sought is not clearly stated or specific. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.

6. In view of the above observations, I find that no further intervention of this forum is warranted. The appeal is accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai

Date: August 02, 2022

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