

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

Appeal No. 6329 of 2025

Subhash Chandra Agrawal : Appellant
Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”), which was transferred to the respondent from Reserve Bank of India on January 31, 2025. The respondent, by a letter dated February 24, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00043) dated March 09, 2025. 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 is incomplete, misleading or false information. The appellant in his appeal has raised dispute only with respect to response to query no. 8 in his application. The appellant has contended that information provided by the respondent does not address his query.
3. **Query no. 8 in the application** - The appellant, in his application, sought the following information:

“8. Complete information on steps taken to introduce - Successive Nominations- also in all DEMAT accounts and government saving-schemes on the lines to be introduced in bank accounts and deposits”
4. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to query no. 8 informed, that the appellant may refer to Para 19 of Section V of SEBI Master Circular for Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents (RTAs) dated May 7, 2024, which is available on SEBI website.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. It is noted that an Agenda to SEBI Board on “Amendments to Regulations to revise and revamp Nomination Facilities in the Indian Securities

Market” was placed before the SEBI Board in its meeting held on September 30, 2024. Copy of the Agenda is publicly available on SEBI website. For the requested information, the appellant may refer to the following link:

Link (“Amendments to Regulations to revise and revamp Nomination Facilities in the Indian Securities Market”): https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebi_data/meetingfiles/oct-2024/1728551862562_1.pdf

6. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, I note that the Hon’ble Delhi High Court, in the matter of *Registrar of Companies & Ors. Vs. Dharmendra Kumar Garg & Anr.* and the Hon’ble Central Information Commission in the matter of *Shri K Lall vs. Shri M K Bagri (CIC/AT/A/2007/00112*, order dated April 12, 2007), *inter alia*, observed that if the relevant information is available in the public domain, the same cannot be said to be information held by the public authority and consequently there is no obligation to provide such information to an applicant under the RTI Act.
7. In view of the above observations, I find that no further intervention of this forum is necessary. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

Date: April 03, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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