

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

Appeal No. 5386 of 2022

Srikanth Sreedhar	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated August 04, 2022 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated August 30, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/22/00561) dated August 30, 2022. 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 04, 2022, *inter alia*, sought copy of the emails that SEBI sent to on him finding his mobile phone switched off in order to set up an appointment for telephonic interaction.
3. The respondent, in response to the query, informed that the query is vague and not specific. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “information”, as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant, in his appeal, submitted that he wanted to know if there is an email from SEBI to him seeking to schedule a meeting with him over telephone when SEBI found that his mobile phone was switched off.
5. I have perused the query raised by the appellant. I find that the same is vague and not specific. Further, it is difficult to ascertain what exact information has been sought by the appellant. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Shri S. C. Sharma vs. CPIO, Securities and Exchange Board of India* (Decision dated August 30, 2012), the Hon’ble CIC held: “*Since the Appellant had not clearly stated what exact information he wanted, the CPIO could not have provided any specific information to him.*” In view of the same, 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: September 26, 2022

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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