

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

Appeal No. 5469 of 2022

Ranjit Prasad Singh	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated September 19, 2022 (received by SEBI on September 23, 2022) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated October 10, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated October 26, 2022 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on November 01, 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, in his application dated September 19, 2022, *inter alia*, sought information regarding the date from which the financial transactions (deposits and payments) of Sahara India Pariwar have been banned. The appellant also queried whether depositing money and making payments after the said date is illegal or not.
3. The respondent, in response to the query, informed that information regarding Sahara India Pariwar was not available with SEBI. However, the respondent informed regarding the order dated August 31, 2012 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India with respect to two companies from the Sahara group i.e. Sahara India Real Estate Corporation Limited (SIRECL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corporation Limited (SHICL). The respondent also informed the appellant regarding the orders dated November 21, 2013 and June 04, 2014 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court and the orders dated February 13, 2013 and July 11, 2016 passed by SEBI, in the above mentioned matter. Further, the respondent guided the appellant to access the various orders passed in the matter, which are available on the SEBI website.

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 the response provided by the respondent is not clear and specific.
5. I have perused the queries and the response provided thereto. With respect to the first part of the query regarding date from which the financial transactions (deposits and payments) of Sahara India Parivar have been banned, I note that the respondent has informed about the various orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and SEBI. I also note that the respondent has referred to specific orders vide which bank accounts of certain entities have been attached and the entities have been directed to not to part with any movable and immovable properties until further orders. On consideration, I find that the respondent has adequately addressed the query by providing the information available with him. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.
6. With respect to second part of the query i.e. whether depositing money and making payments after the said date is illegal or not, I find that the same is in the nature of seeking clarification/opinion from the respondent. In my view, the CPIO is not supposed to create information; or to interpret information; or to compile information as per the desire of the appellant under the ambit of the RTI Act. Accordingly, I find that the query cannot be construed as seeking 'information' as defined under section 2 (f) of the RTI Act.
7. 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: November 28, 2022

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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