

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

Appeal No. 5743 of 2023

Tusharbhai Kalyanbhai Gopani	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated June 15, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated July 07, 2023, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00154) dated July 12, 2023. 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 June 15, 2023, sought the following information:
 1. *After Bank Amalgamation-2020 Demat account holders are requested to inform the procedure for correction of IFSC CODE in their DP.*
 2. *Request to give details if RBI sent list for correction of IFSC CODE in DP of demat account holder after Bank Amalgamation-2020*
 3. *Before Bank Amalgamation-2020 RBI has sent a list for correction of IFSC CODE in DP of demat account holder, request to provide details thereof*
 4. *Request to give details if Suo Moto done by CDSL to correct IFSC CODE in DP of demat account holder before Bank Amalgamation-2020*
 5. *Request details of total applications made by demat account holders for correction of IFSC CODE in their DP after Bank Amalgamation-2020*
 6. *Request to provide details of applications made by CDSL for Sumoto for correction of IFSC CODE in DP of demat account holder after Bank Amalgamation-2020*
 7. *Request to give details of authority or provision to sumoto CDSL to correct IFSC CODE in DP of demat account holder after Bank Amalgamation*

3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the queries are vague and not specific and 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 has filed the appeal on the ground that access to the requested information was refused. The appellant, in his appeal, inter alia, submitted that the information sought by him is accurate and relevant. The appellant has also stated that common citizen has the right to know the action taken by SEBI.
5. I have perused the queries and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I agree with the response of the respondent that the queries are vague and not specific. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Shri S. C. Sharma vs. CPIO, SEBI* (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 these observations, 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: August 10, 2023

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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