

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

Appeal No. 5122 of 2022

Geeta Khattar : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated May 19, 2022 (transferred by Department of Personal & Training through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated June 09, 2022 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/22/00396) dated June 13, 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. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that information provided was incomplete, misleading or false information. In view of the submissions made by the appellant in her appeal, I am dealing with the queries and the response provided by the respondent, in the following paragraphs.
3. **Query numbers 1 to 12 and 14-** The appellant, vide query numbers 1 to 12, sought information regarding various subject matters such as appointment of CVO/officials by Government of India (GOI)/Ministries, salary paid to officials, oath taken by officials, rules and regulations conducted by GOI etc. Vide query number 14, the appellant sought copy of letter ref no KS/COMPLIANCE/NSE/CORR/2016-17/RB/081 from NSE.
4. The respondent in response to query numbers 1 to 12, informed that the information sought by the appellant has been replied by the CPIO, SEBI vide letter dated May 19, 2022, in response to the RTI Application No. SEBIH/R/T/22/00091 received by SEBI on May 10, 2022 in terms of the RTI Act. In response to the query number 14, the respondent informed that the query has been replied to by the CPIO, SEBI vide letter dated April 20, 2022, in response to her RTI Application SEBIH/R/E/21/00014 dated March 30, 2022.
5. I have perused the aforesaid queries and the response provided thereto. I note that identical queries were raised by the appellant vide multiple applications. Further, the said queries have already been dealt by this forum in the order dated July 13, 2022 passed in Appeal Nos. 5120 and 5121 of 2022 and it was found that

the queries were adequately addressed by the respondent. Accordingly, no further intervention is warranted at this stage.

6. **Query number 13-** The appellant, vide query number 13, sought information regarding the MPA website / weblink details where rules, regulations, guidelines etc. are available on the MPA website that are issued in respect of Disclosure of the third party information under the RTI Act.
7. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid query, informed that the requested information is not available with SEBI. On consideration, I do not find any reason to disbelieve the said statement. I note that the respondent can provide only that information which is existing and available with him. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.
8. Further, I note that the appellant has been filing multiple applications with similar queries. In this context, the Hon'ble CIC, in the matter of *Amar Kumar Jha vs. CPIO, RTI Cell and Ors.* (order dated February 02, 2018), observed that *"18. Commission believes it will suffice to say, a composite reading of the preceding paragraphs lends only one conclusion that the present set of Appeals are largely devoid of any merit as CPIOs have addressed the queries in the letter and spirit of RTI Act. The public authorities have spent considerable time and resources in responding to the RTI Applications. Moreover, it is deemed appropriate that the Commission as well as the public authority are at liberty to take recourse to the rationale of this order in any of the future RTI Applications and/or Appeals of the Appellant where it is established that information sought is premised on the same subject matters which have been addressed earlier. The Appellant is further advised to not cause a mockery of the spirit of the RTI Act by unnecessarily flooding the public authority with RTI Applications on the same matter involving no larger public interest. It is abundantly made clear that any number of RTI Applications on the same issue will not alter the information that was held and parted with by the Respondents."* Accordingly, the appellant is advised to refrain from filing multiple applications regarding issues that have already been addressed by the respondent.
9. 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: July 13, 2022

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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