

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

Appeal No. 5217 of 2022

Angita Shah	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated June 26, 2022 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated June 15, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/22/00448) dated July 18, 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, in her application dated June 26, 2022, provided details regarding the iFOREX Trading app available on google play store. The appellant also mentioned what is offered by the app to its investors.
3. The respondent, in response to the application, informed that no information was sought in the application.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that access to the requested information was refused. The appellant, in her appeal, sought information regarding whether forex trading is allowed for Indians or not.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I note that the appellant has provided various details including benefits, client support features etc. offered by iFOREX Trading app. On consideration, I find that the appellant has not sought any information in her application. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.
6. Further, I note that the appellant, in her appeal, *inter alia*, sought information regarding whether forex trading is allowed for Indians or not. I find that this query was raised for the first time in this appeal. As held by the Hon’ble CIC in *Harish Prasad Divedi vs. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited* (decided on January

28, 2014), an information seeker cannot be allowed to expand the scope of his RTI enquiry at appeal stage. Accordingly, I find that the said request does not warrant consideration at this stage.

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: August 17, 2022

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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