

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

Appeal No. 5869 of 2024

Mohamed Shafiq	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated November 29, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated December 07, 2023 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00252) dated December 08, 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. **Requests made in the application** –The appellant, vide his application dated November 29, 2023, sought the following information:

“The property details of the person whose Aadhaar number is attached to this petition and the bank details of the bank where this Aadhaar card number has been issued are sought to be known through the Right to Information Act

Aadhaar card number of the person requiring details FIVE ...THREE FIVE SIX
Name of person requiring information Mr M Musthafa

Required information

Steps National and Private Bank savings account and current account number linked to this Aadhaar number and its Address
Details of movable and immovable assets linked to this Aadhaar number”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent in response to the application informed that the information sought does not pertain to Securities and Exchange Board of India, hence no information is available with SEBI.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he has been refused access to information requested.

5. On perusal of the application and the response, I note that the respondent has categorically stated that the requested information is not available with SEBI, as the same does not pertain to SEBI. I note that the respondent can only provide information that is available in the records. On consideration, I find that the application has been adequately addressed and I do not find any deficiency in the response. In this context, I note that the Hon'ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as "**CIC**"), in the matter of *Sh. Pattipati Rama Murthy vs. CPIO, SEBI* (Decision dated July 8, 2013), held: "... *if it (SEBI) does not have any such information in its possession, the CPIO cannot obviously invent one for the benefit of the Appellant. There is simply no information to be given.*" The appellant, in his appeal, has *inter alia*, submitted that if the request does not pertain to SEBI, then the same may be forwarded to the appropriate department. However, on perusal of the application, I note that the request in the application appears to be vague. Hence, it cannot be ascertained as to which Public Authority the same will fall under. Accordingly, no further intervention is warranted at this stage.
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: January 1, 2024

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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