

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

Appeal No. 5403 of 2022

Varun Chakrapani	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated August 02, 2022 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated August 29, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/22/00563) dated August 30, 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 the information provided was incomplete, misleading or false. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that he has not got the answers to the questions raised in his application. In view of the submissions of the appellant, I am dealing with the queries and the response provided thereto, in the following paragraphs.
3. **Query numbers 1, 2 and 4-** The appellant, vide query numbers 1 and 2, *inter alia*, sought information regarding action taken so far with respect to his complaints filed on SCORES portal and their status as on date. Vide query number 4, the appellant sought information regarding the relief that the appellant got after filing the complaints.
4. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the details of action taken by SEBI on complaints and the current status regarding the complaint sought by the appellant is available online.
5. On perusal of the queries, I find that the appellant has sought information with respect to four complaints registered on SCORES portal. I note that the respondent has clearly informed regarding the availability of the relevant information on the SCORES Portal. I note that all the complaints which are lodged in the SCORES system and the related correspondence along with date-wise progress of the

complaint, can be accessed online on SCORES website under the tab “View Complaint Status” by providing the complaint registration number and password, which is allotted at the time of registering the complaint. I find that the respondent has adequately addressed the queries by guiding the appellant to access the relevant information available on the SCORES Portal. Therefore, I find no deficiency in the response provided by the respondent.

6. **Query number 3-** The appellant, vide query number 3, sought information regarding the time limit for disposal of a complaint.
7. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid query, informed that as per SCORES FAQ no. 28, the entities are required to submit the Action Taken Report within a reasonable period but not later than 30 days.
8. I have perused the query and the response provided by the respondent. On consideration, I find that the respondent has addressed the query by providing the information available with him. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.
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

ANAND BAIWAR

Date: September 29, 2022

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