

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

Appeal No. 5973 of 2024

Sundaresan	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application (SEBIH/R/P/24/00048) dated November 29, 2023 (Forwarded by Ministry of Corporate Affairs in accordance with order dated January 24, 2024 of FAA, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and received by SEBI on February 20, 2024) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated March 05, 2024, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated March 26, 2024 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on April 01, 2024). I have perused the application, the response of the respondent and the appeal and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.
2. **Request in the application** - The appellant, in his application dated November 29, 2023, *inter alia*, sought the information regarding certain listed companies.
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the application informed that the information sought are vague and not specific. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as “information” as defined u/s 2(f) of the RTI Act.
4. **Ground of appeal** - On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided by the respondent.
5. I have perused the requests and the response provided thereto. On perusal of the application, I find that it is not clear exactly what information is sought by the appellant. Hence, I concur with the response of the respondent that the said requests are vague and not specific. It is an established law that the information sought for in order to be disclosable under the RTI Act, must be clear, specific and available in the records of the public authority. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Mr. T.*

V. Sundaresan vs. CPIO, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Decision dated November 24, 2021), the Hon'ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as "**CIC**") held: "*The framework of the RTI Act, 2005 expects that the information sought is specific and believed to be existing with the public authority in documented or material form as such; which can be shared with the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act. Answering to broad, multiple and general queries and presumptive documents that should have been generated as per the expectation of the appellant cannot be furnished under the provisions of the Act.*" Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.

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: April 22, 2024

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