

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

Appeal No.5877 of 2024

Surendra Singh Panwar	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated October 06, 2023 (received by the respondent October 21, 2023) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). In respect to the said application, the appellant has filed an appeal dated December 13, 2023 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on December 27, 2023).
2. **Grounds of Appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground of non-receipt of response from the CPIO within the stipulated time as mandated under the RTI Act.
3. I note that the main ground of the appeal is non-receipt of the response within the time specified under the RTI Act. From the records made available to me, I find that the above mentioned application dated October 06, 2023 of the appellant was received by the respondent on October 21, 2023. Accordingly, the respondent was required to provide the response on or before November 20, 2023. From the documents available on record, I note that the respondent replied to the aforesaid application by his letter dated November 2, 2023. The said response was dispatched to the applicant through Registered Post Acknowledgement Due in the address “Todipura, Bhawani Road, Sanawad, Vill- Sanawad, Dist- Khargone, Madhya Pradesh - 451111”. A copy of the respondent’s reply is enclosed with this order.
4. However, it is noted that the letter of the respondent was returned undelivered with an endorsement “Address cannot be located”. I note from the aforesaid address that the house number or house name is not available.
6. I also note that the address of the applicant mentioned in the Appeal is same as the one given in the application. However, the appellant, in his appeal, has provided his mobile number. Accordingly, it is

noted that the address contains better particulars though it does not contain the house number or house name.

7. In view of the factual situation, I find that the respondent has provided his reply to the application well within the time stipulated under RTI Act. I therefore find that nothing survives in the appeal and the same has become infructuous. It is however, open for the appellant to file a fresh appeal as per law, if he is not satisfied with the reply provided by the respondent.
8. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai
Date: January 8, 2024

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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