

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

Appeal No. 6311 of 2025

Sudarshan Malhotra	:	Appellant
Vs		
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated December 17, 2024 (received by SEBI on December 20, 2024) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated January 16, 2025 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated January 28, 2025 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on January 31, 2025). 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. **Query in the application-** The appellant, in his application dated December 17, 2024, has given reference of his letter dated 28.08.2024 vide which he had sought information w.r.t. new address of the Special Committee constituted in the matter of CRB Mutual Fund. The appellant has also sought address of the Head Office of CRB Mutual Fund. The appellant has stated that he has not received any reply of his letter dated 28.08.2024
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the query, informed that the information sought by the appellant is not available with SEBI. Notwithstanding the same, the respondent provided the address of Special Committee of CRB Capital Markets Limited as available in the records of SEBI and court pleadings.
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 application and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I note that the respondent has clearly stated that the requested information is not available with SEBI. 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.". Notwithstanding the aforesaid, I note that respondent has provided the address of Special Committee of CRB Capital Markets Limited as available in the records of SEBI. 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: February 25, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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