

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

Appeal No. 6757 of 2026

Amit Kumar : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated February 02, 2026 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated February 16, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00071) dated February 17, 2026. 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. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, in his application dated February 02, 2026, sought the following:

“Please let me know the step-by-step procedure to file a dispute on Smart ODR system against Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). I could not find it listed under any category under SmartODR.

I need this as I have been advised via SEBI SCORES case number SEBIE/SK25/BENG/047169/1 that / / complainant, if dissatisfied, may choose to avail the Securities Markets Online Dispute Resolution - ODR mechanism.”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** –The respondent, in response to queries in the application, informed that investor can file disputes against specified regulated entities mentioned in the Schedule A of the SEBI Master Circular dated July 31, 2023 (Updated as on December 28, 2023), which is available on SEBI website.

4. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he was provided incomplete, misleading or false information.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I note that respondent has informed that the appellant can refer to the Schedule A of the SEBI Master Circular dated July 31, 2023 (Updated as on December 28, 2023 for the requested information. Hence, I find that the requested information is available in public domain. In this context, I note that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in *Registrar of Companies & ors. Vs. Dharmendra Kumar Garg & anr.* and the Hon'ble Central Information Commission in *Shri K Lall vs. Shri M K Bagri* (CIC/AT/A/2007/00112, order dated April 12, 2007) held that if the relevant information is available in the public domain, the same cannot be said to be information held by the public authority and consequently, there is no obligation to provide such information to an applicant under the RTI Act. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the said 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: March 11, 2026

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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