

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

Appeal No. 5581 of 2023

Arun Kumar	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated December 26, 2022 (received by SEBI on December 27, 2022) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated December 30, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated January 28, 2023 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on February 02, 2023). 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-** On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided by the respondent. In view of the submissions made by the appellant in his appeal, I am dealing with the queries and the response provided thereto, in the following paragraphs.
3. **Queries raised in the application –** The appellant, vide his application dated December 26, 2022, sought the following information-

“1. Have you found any suspicious financial transaction under PAN No. ACA.....7G from January 2020 to till date.

2. If yes, please provide details.”
4. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the information sought is not clear and specific and is in the nature of seeking clarification/opinion. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “information”, as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
5. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that SEBI has kept his PPF Account No. 1078.....89 with SBI on hold. Further, the appellant sought the reason for the same.

6. I have perused the queries, the response provided by the respondent and the appeal. I note that the query pertaining to the appellant's PPF Account was raised for the first time in his appeal and that the same was not raised in the RTI application. Since the query concerns the attachment of a PPF Account, the CPIO may verify from the available record and provide the requested information (if any) within 10 working days from the date of receipt of this order, subject to the exemptions in section 8 of the RTI Act.
7. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai
Date: February 17, 2023

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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