

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

Appeal No. 5919 and 5920 of 2024

Vartika Shakya	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed two applications (Reg. No. SEBIH/R/P/22/00513 and Reg. No. SEBIH/R/P/22/01523) dated May 19, 2022 and July 18, 2022, respectively (received by SEBI on May 23, 2022 and July 21, 2022, respectively) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by letters dated June 09, 2022 and August 12, 2022, respectively responded to the aforesaid applications filed by the appellant. The appellant vide letter dated February 08, 2024 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on February 13, 2024) has referred to the aforesaid replies of the respondent pertaining to the aforesaid two RTI applications.
2. On perusal of the said letter dated February 08, 2024 of the appellant, I note that there are no grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant with respect to the aforementioned RTI applications and the said letter mainly appears to be in the nature of seeking further update in the matter. I note that the appellant is now seeking new information pertaining to his aforesaid applications. As held by the Hon’ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as “**CIC**”) in *Harish Prasad Divedi vs. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited* (decided on January 28, 2014), an information seeker cannot be allowed to expand the scope of his RTI enquiry at appeal stage. Accordingly, I find that the said submissions do not warrant consideration at this stage. I also find that the said letter dated February 08, 2024 of the appellant is more in the nature of grievance. I note that redressal of grievance does not come under the purview of the RTI Act. In this context, I note that the Hon’ble CIC, in the matter of *Mr. Surendra Vishwakarma vs. President Secretariat* (Order dated April 29, 2016) observed that “*In this context, we note that the RTI Act cannot be used to make the respondent to do certain things or take certain action for the reason that the Act is not the proper law for redressal of grievances/ disputes and there are other appropriate forum(s) for resolving such matters.*”

3. In view of the above observations, the appeals are accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai
Date: March 4, 2024

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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