

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

Appeal No. 6010 of 2024

Harbans Singh Sahni	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed application dated April 30, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by letter dated May 16, 2024 responded to the aforesaid application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00099) dated May 17, 2024. 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. **Request in the application** - The appellant in his application dated April 30, 2024 sought the following information:

“Kindly provide the refund of The RTI Raised to sebi and against the information provided to sebi under the RTI Act to CIC since the information which was provided under RTI Act was false and Baseless Refund applicable from 2020 up till know”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the aforesaid application informed that the information sought are not clear and specific and are in the nature of seeking clarification. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as "information", as defined u/s 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. **Ground of appeal** - The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that information provided is incomplete, misleading or false information.
5. I have perused the request and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I find that the appellant, in both his application and appeal, has not requested for any information. Instead, it appears that he is seeking refund of the RTI fees paid for his previous RTI applications. Accordingly, the same cannot be

construed as “information” as defined u/s 2(f) of the RTI Act. Further, the RTI Act does not provide any provisions for the refund of fees once an application has been processed.

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: May 21, 2024

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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