

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

Appeal No. 5866 of 2024

Gaurav	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated November 24, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated December 01, 2023 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00249) dated December 07, 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. **Requests made in the application** –The appellant, vide his application dated November 24, 2023, sought the following information:

“Please provide current total pay components of each scale of employees of SEBI along with all the allowances, perk, benefits payable to them in monetary value.”
3. **Reply to the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the information sought is available on the Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as “**SEBI**”) website, under the disclosures u/s 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent also provided the link to access the said information.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that information provided was incomplete, misleading or false information.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I find that the appellant in his application has, *inter alia*, sought information regarding SEBI employees pay including allowances, perquisites, etc. and the respondent has aptly guided the appellant to access the relevant information on

pay and allowances, which are available on the SEBI website. On consideration, I find that that respondent has adequately addressed the application by providing the information available with him. In view of the same, I do not find any deficiency in the response.

6. The appellant, in his appeal, has *inter alia* stated that the information provided does not provide the breakup of each facilities/allowances/perquisite/benefits/salary components, etc. separately, hence the same may be provided to him. I note that, the appellant in the appeal is now seeking the said information in a particular format. Hence, the appellant is now seeking new information pertaining to his application. As held by the Hon'ble Central Information Commission 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.
7. 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: January 1, 2024

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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