

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

Appeal No. 6187 of 2024

Dabur	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated September 25, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated October 04, 2024 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00239) dated October 04, 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. **Query in the application** - The appellant, vide his application dated September 25, 2024 sought the following information

" 1. Please provide the top 25 marks secured in Sebi Grade A 2024 phase-1 paper-2 general stream."

3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the information sought by the appellant is maintained in separate individual files, and for collating the same, time and manpower will have to be devoted. The respondent informed that the same would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority and hence, the same is exempt u/s 7(9) of the RTI Act.

However, the respondent also informed that the information regarding cut-off is available on SEBI website and provided the path for accessing the same in the SEBI website.

4. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he has been refused access to the information requested.

5. I have perused the aforesaid query and the response provided thereto. On consideration, I note that the requested information is not readily available with the respondent in the manner as sought by the appellant.

and that the respondent would be required to analyse and collate information which is maintained in separate individual files placed at multiple locations. In my opinion, analysing and collating would disproportionately divert the resources of SEBI and would defeat 'the practical regime of right to information' as envisaged in the preamble of the RTI Act. In this context, I note that the Hon'ble CIC, in the matter of *Mr. Deepak Girdhar vs. CPIO, SEBI* (Order dated March 30, 2021), observed that "6. *The Commission, after hearing the submissions of the respondent and after perusal of records, observes that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous in nature and may not be readily available with the CPIO in the manner as sought by the appellant, collating and compiling of which would disproportionately divert the resources of the respondent organization. Hence, the disclosure of information is exempted as per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act.*" In view of these observations, I find that the requested information is exempt from disclosure under section 7(9) of the RTI Act. Notwithstanding the above, I note that the respondent has informed the appellant that the information regarding cut-off is available on SEBI website and had provided the path for accessing the same in the SEBI website. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the 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: October 25, 2024

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