

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

Appeal No. 6123 of 2024

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

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated July 09, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated July 26, 2024 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00186) dated August 23, 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, vide his request of the application dated July 09, 2024 sought the following information:

*“1. Question paper for the year 2023-2024, SEBI Grade A exam (Legal)- Phase I.
2. Question paper for the year 2023-2024, SEBI Grade A exam (Legal)- Phase II.
3. Question paper for the year 2022-2023, SEBI Grade A exam (Legal)- Phase I.
4. Question paper for the year 2022-2023, SEBI Grade A exam (Legal)- Phase II.”*
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the aforesaid application, informed that the online examination for recruitment of Officer Grade A is conducted by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (hereinafter referred to as “**IBPS**”), which is an autonomous body, on behalf of Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as “**SEBI**”). The respondent also informed that the requested information was not available with SEBI as the same was not shared by IBPS.
4. **Ground of appeal** - The respondent filed the appeal on the ground that he was refused access to information requested.
5. I have perused the request and the response provided thereto. I have noted the order dated December 27, 2022 of Central Information Commission in the matter of *Neeraj Salodkar Vs. CPIO, SEBI*, cited by

the appellant, in support of her appeal. I also note that said online examination for recruitment of Officer Grade A was conducted by IBPS, on behalf of SEBI. Hence, the requested information pertains to SEBI and the same is only being held by IBPS on behalf of SEBI. Accordingly, on consideration, I find that the said request has not been adequately addressed by the respondent and the same warrants reconsideration.

6. Considering the above observations, I remit the application to the respondent for *de novo* consideration of the application and sending appropriate response to the appellant in terms of RTI Act, within 15 working days from the date of receipt of this order.
7. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai
Date: September 20, 2024

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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