

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

Appeal No. 4697 of 2022

Appeal No. 4698 of 2022

Appeal No. 4699 of 2022

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

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed three applications (dated February 17, 2022; February 21, 2022 and February 23, 2022, respectively), received by the respondent through RTI MIS portal, under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, vide two letters dated March 08, 2022, sent similar response to all the three applications filed by the appellant. The appellant filed three appeals (Appeal No. SEBIH/A/E/22/00084, SEBIH/A/E/22/00089 and SEBIH/A/E/22/00090) against the responses dated March 08, 2022. I have carefully considered the applications, the responses and the appeals and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.
2. **Queries in the applications**– The appellant, vide his applications, *inter alia*, sought information regarding the subject matter pertaining to allotment of shares of VR Mathur Mass communication (now known as Gradiente Infotainment Ltd.).
3. The respondent, in response to the applications, observed that the appellant’s matter was heard by the Hon’ble CIC and orders were passed on June 04, 2020; December 21, 2020 and December 23, 2021. Further, the appellant’s third application filed before the Hon’ble CIC was disposed of on December 23, 2021, *inter alia*, with the observation that the CPIO is not obliged to provide clarification/confirmations to the applicant with respect to redressal of his grievances. It was also observed that filing multiple RTI applications pertaining to similar issues will not entitle him to receive the requested information. Further, the Hon’ble CIC, advised and restrained the appellant from filing repeated RTI applications with respect to the similar issues in future. In view of the said observation, the respondent advised the appellant to restrain from filing repeated RTI applications with respect to similar issues on the subject matter.

4. **Grounds of appeal-** On perusal of the appeals, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided by the respondent. The appellant, in his appeals, reiterated the queries raised in his application.
5. I have considered the applications and the responses. I find that the requests are more in the nature of repeated enquiry with respect to the subject matter which is in the nature of grievance. I note that the appellant has been advised multiple times to approach the appropriate court of law with respect to the subject matter of the applications. Further, the Hon'ble CIC, vide order dated December 23, 2021, in the 2nd appeal filed by the appellant, observed that filing multiple RTI applications pertaining to similar issues will not entitle him to receive the requested information. Further, the Hon'ble CIC, advised and restrained the appellant from filing repeated RTI applications with respect to the similar issues in future.
6. In view of the above observations, I find no interference is warranted at this stage. The appeals are accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai
Date: March 30, 2022

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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