

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

Appeal No. 6601 of 2025

Dr. Andrew Godwin	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated September 22, 2025 (received by SEBI on September 26, 2025) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The appellant, in his application, has *inter alia*, sought the status of Objection Petition filed by him before Justice Lodha Committee. The Office of CPIO, SEBI vide letter dated September 30, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated October 22, 2025 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on October 27, 2025) against the said response.
2. I note that appellant, in his appeal, has once again sought the requested information. I note that Office of CPIO, SEBI, vide its letter dated September 30, 2025, has, *inter alia*, informed that the requested information is not available with SEBI. However, I note that the reply of CPIO is not available. Given the absence of reply of CPIO and considering the obligation imposed on CPIO under RTI Act, CPIO, SEBI is directed to consider the appellant’s letter dated September 22, 2025 as an RTI application and to provide his reply to the RTI application within the timelines prescribed under the RTI Act. It is open for the appellant to file a fresh appeal as per law, if he is not satisfied with the reply provided by the respondent.

3. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

Date: November 20, 2025

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