

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

**Appeal No. 4712 of 2022**

Lakshminarayanan Ramanujam : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

**ORDER**

1. The appellant had filed an application dated February 09, 2022 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated March 03, 2022 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated March 10, 2022, against the said response dated March 03, 2022. 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. **Queries in the application** –The appellant, vide his application dated February 09, 2022, *inter alia*, sought the following information (exchange wise and trade wise) pertaining to SEL Manufacturing Company Ltd.:
  - a) *Serial Number*
  - b) *Order reference*
  - c) *Exchange reference*
  - d) *Date*
  - e) *Order time HH:MM:SS (hours:minutes:seconds)*
  - f) *Trade execution time HH:MM:SS (hours:minutes:seconds)*
  - g) *Quantity*
  - h) *Price in both the BSE and the NSE for the period from January 03,2022.*
3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the queries are not clear and specific. Accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “information”, as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act.

4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has not mentioned any specific ground for filing the appeal. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that the respondent has not provided straight forward information.
5. I have perused the queries raised by the appellant. I find that the same are not clear and specific. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Sbri S. C. Sharma vs. CPIO, Securities and Exchange Board of India* (Decision dated August 30, 2012), the Hon'ble CIC held: "*Since the Appellant had not clearly stated what exact information he wanted, the CPIO could not have provided any specific information to him. We would like to advise the Appellant that he might like to specify the exact information he wants from the SEBI and prefer a fresh application before the CPIO.*" I find that the appellant's queries cannot be construed as seeking "information" as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.
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: April 07, 2022

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT  
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