

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

Appeal No. 6341 of 2025

Alongbar Narzary : Appellant
Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated February 24, 2025 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated March 17, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00055) dated March 18, 2025. 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. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he was provided incomplete, misleading or false information. Further, appellant, in his appeal, has raised dispute only with respect to query no. 2 in the application. The appellant has submitted that the web link provided in the response of the respondent does not exist anymore.
3. **Query no.2 in the application** - The appellant, in his application dated February 24, 2025, sought the following information:

“ I request the following information regarding my appearance in the SEBI Grade A recruitment 2024, bearing Roll no-1221XXXXXX or Registration Number 4760XXXXXX

.....

2. My scorecard in the SEBI Grade A Phase II examination (Generalist)”

4. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to query no.2 in the application, informed that the information sought is available on SEBI website and provided the link for accessing the same.
5. I have perused the query and the response provided thereto. I note that the respondent in his reply has provided the link to access the requested information from the SEBI website. However, the appellant in his appeal has submitted that the web link provided in the response to query no. 2 does not exist anymore. In this regard, I note that the link is active and correct. The appellant can view his phase II score card by entering the requisite details like registration number, roll number and date of birth on SEBI website. Further, I note that the Hon'ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as "**CIC**"), in the matter of *Kul Bhushan Jain vs. CPIO, SEBI* (Order dated December 22, 2022) observed that "*The Commission noted that the reply given by the CPIO was appropriate as he first quoted the relevant notifications with their dates -8th June 2018 and 30th November 2018. He also informed the appellant that these gazette notification are available on the SEBI website. A link was also given to access the same. The FAA quoted certain court rulings which state that once the information is available on a website, it is in public domain and no longer held or under the control of the public authority. The FAA had also stated that the link was provided to access the information and the link is active. The same was reiterated vide the written submissions dated 16.2.2022 which was also endorsed to the appellant. The Commission is in agreement with the submissions advanced by the Representative of the CPIO. From the submissions, it is abundantly clear that the information is available on the given website and hyper link..... Therefore, no further action is warranted in the present case.*" In view of these observations, I find that the respondent cannot be obliged to provide documents which is already available in the public domain. Notwithstanding the above, the link and the path to access the said link on SEBI website (www.sebi.gov.in) is provided herewith for the benefit and guidance of the appellant:

Path for link (mains score)- Home » About SEBI » Functions Of Departments / Divisions » Human Resources Department (HRD) » Careers » Miscellaneous

Link: https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/results/result_grade_A_phase_2_and_interview_2024.html

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 02, 2025

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