

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

Appeal No. 5636 of 2023

Appeal No. 5637 of 2023

Naushad Ali : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed two similar applications (Reg. No. SEBIH/R/T/23/00046 dated February 21, 2023 transferred by Department of Financial Services and Reg. No. SEBIH/R/T/23/00052 dated February 27, 2023 transferred by Department of Economic Affairs) which were received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a common letter dated March 21, 2023, responded to the applications filed by the appellant. The appellant filed two appeals (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00067 and Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00068 dated March 26, 2023), against the said response dated March 21, 2023. I have carefully considered the applications, the response and the appeals and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.
2. **Queries in the application** –The appellant, in his applications, referred to his complaint dated January 07, 2023 regarding four companies i.e. Sahara Credit Co-operative Society Limited; Humara India Credit Co-operative Society Limited; Saharayn Universal Multipurpose Co-operative Society Limited and Stars Multipurpose Society Limited. The appellant also sought information regarding action taken on his complaint.
3. The respondent, in response to the applications, informed that the complaint pertained to the above mentioned four entities and the same do not come under the purview of SEBI. The respondent also informed that the complaint was returned to the appellant vide SEBI’s letter dated February 13, 2023. Further, the respondent provided the copy of the said letter dated February 13, 2023.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeals on the ground that the information provided was incomplete, misleading or false. The appellant, in his appeals, requested to provide the information

sought by him. The appellant also requested that the applications may be returned to the public authority from where the same were received, if the requested information was not available with SEBI.

5. I have perused the applications and the response provided thereto. I note that the respondent has categorically stated that the matters pertaining to the said four companies do not come under the purview of SEBI. Further, I note that SEBI, vide letter dated February 13, 2023, had returned the complaint to the appellant along with the list/details of 12 Sahara entities and the appropriate authorities/regulators. The copy of the said letter dated February 13, 2023 was also provided to the appellant. On consideration, I find that the respondent has adequately addressed the queries by providing the information available with him. 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 Appeals are accordingly dismissed.

Place: Mumbai

Date: April 26, 2023

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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