

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

Appeal No. 6287 of 2025

Sneha Mariam Sam	:	Appellant
Vs		
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated December 21, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated January 03, 2025 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00009) dated January 08, 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 she was provided incomplete, misleading or false information.
3. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, in her application dated December 21, 2024, sought the following information:

“ Sir/Madam, Under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, I kindly request the following information regarding registered stock market investors aged between 18-35 years residing in Changanassery Taluk of Kottayam District, Kerala:

- 1. Total number of investors in the aforementioned age group.*
- 2. Gender-wise classification of these investors.*
- 3. Occupational details of the registered investors within this group.*

4. *Classification of investors based on their income level (e.g., income brackets).*

5. *Educational qualifications of these investors.*

Please provide the information in a clear and tabular format for better understanding. If the requested information is available in electronic form, kindly share it via email or in physical form.”

4. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to queries in the application, informed that the information sought is not available with SEBI.
5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. The respondent, in his response, has categorically mentioned that the requested information is not available with SEBI. I note that the respondent can only provide information that is available in the records. In this context, I note that the Hon’ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as “**CIC**”) in the matter of *Sh. Pattipati Rama Murthy vs. CPIO, SEBI* (Decision dated July 8, 2013), held: “... *if it (SEBI) does not have any such information in its possession, the CPIO cannot obviously invent one for the benefit of the Appellant. There is simply no information to be given.*” Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.
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: January 29, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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