

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

Appeal No. 6078 of 2024

	:	Appellant
Geeta Khattar		
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated June 15, 2024 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated July 01, 2024 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/24/00149) dated July 10, 2024. 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. **Requests in the application** - The appellant, vide her application dated June 15, 2024, sought the following information:

“A/ Provide Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars, etc. under which point no. 1 to 53 SCORES cases are dealt with by the dealing officials.
B/ Provide a copy of the SCORES Form along with the dealing officers Remark that was given during the closure of points no. 1 to 53 cases
C/ Provide a copy of the Action History along with the dealing officers name & Staff ID no. under point no. 1 to 53 cases registered in SCORES...”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent, in response to the application, *inter alia*, informed that the appellant has filed 568 applications under the RTI Act (both direct and transferred by other authorities) from 01.04.2021 till date seeking similar information in the same matter. Hence, the respondent informed that appellant to refer to information which has already been provided by SEBI in response to her earlier RTI applications.

4. **Ground of appeal** - The appellant filed the appeal on the ground that she was refused access to information requested.
5. I have perused the request and the response provided thereto. I note that similar request was sought by the appellant in her earlier RTI application (Reg. No. SEBIH/R/E/24/00513) dated May 02, 2024, for which the respondent had provided reply vide his letter dated May 16, 2024. Further, FAA order dated June 06, 2024 was also passed with respect to the said earlier RTI application in Appeal no. 6014 of 2024. Hence, I find that the aforesaid requests are repetitive in nature. In the context of filing repetitive and multiple complaints, I note that the Hon'ble Central Information Commission (hereinafter referred to as "**CIC**"), in the matter of *Geeta Khattar vs. CPIO, SEBI* (order dated December 22, 2022) observed that "*The Commission observed that the complainant has been filing multiple RTI applications against the same public authority on the similar queries. The same was decided by the Commission on 06.12.2022 vide File No. CIC/SEBIH/C/2021/640243 and CIC/SEBIE/A/2021/653859. It is also noted that the complainant neither appears during the hearings before the Commission nor receives the postal notices of the Commission. Needless to say, such multiplicity of frivolous RTI applications and appeals arising thereof are clogging the system of the Commission as well as of the public authorities. The Commission placed reliance on the decision of Shail Sabni vs. Sanjeev Kumar & Ors. [W.P. (C) 845/2014], wherein the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi observed:*

".....Consequently, this Court deems it appropriate to refuse to exercise its writ jurisdiction. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed. This Court is also of the view that misuse of the RTI Act has to be appropriately dealt with, otherwise the public would lose faith and confidence in this "sunshine Act". A beneficial Statute, when made a tool for mischief and abuse must be checked in accordance with law." In view of the above, I find that no further intervention of this forum is warranted at this stage.
6. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

Date: August 6, 2024

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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