

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

Appeal No. 6543 of 2025

Rishab Gupta : Appellant
Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated June 06, 2025 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated June 25, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00232) dated September 03, 2025.
2. I note that under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, an aggrieved person may prefer the first appeal within thirty days from the receipt of the response from the CPIO of the concerned public authority. In the instant case, the impugned response from the respondent is dated June 25, 2025. The appellant, therefore, should have filed the first appeal on or before expiry of thirty days from the date of receipt of the said response. As noted above, the appellant’s first appeal was received on September 03, 2025. The first appeal has been made after the last date permissible under the RTI Act. The appellant neither made a request for condoning the said delay in filing the appeal nor made any submission explaining the reasons which caused the delay. Considering the absence of a request for condoning the delay and any valid reason that prevented the appellant from filing the appeal in time, I consider this appeal as time barred and hence, liable to be dismissed on that count.
3. Notwithstanding the above observation, I am considering the appeal on merit. I have perused the application and the appeal and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.

4. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, in his application dated June 06, 2025, sought the following information:

“ I Rishab Gupta a resident of Jaipur Rajasthan had submitted a detailed complaint against an individual operating under the name Finance Talk With Rishabh Instagram handle @financetalkwithrishabh for allegedly providing unauthorized investment advisory services in violation of SEBI Investment Advisers Regulations 2013

My SCORES complaint ID is rishab1111 The complaint was acknowledged by SEBI and further communications were made on 28 April 2025 and 6 May 2025

I received an email from Mr Girish Kumar Tiwari girisht@sebi.gov.in and cc to Samrat Dutta samratd@sebi.gov.in

Under the RTI Act 2005 I seek the following information

1 What is the current status of the complaint filed against @financetalkwithrishabh

2 Has SEBI initiated any inquiry or investigation into the said entity If yes please provide the file number or internal reference

3 What actions interim or final have been taken or are proposed to be taken against the entity

4 Whether SEBI has found any prima facie violations of its regulations in this matter

5 If no action has been taken so far please specify the reasons and expected timeline

I declare that the information sought does not fall under Section 8 or 9 of the RTI Act Kindly provide the requested information in digital format PDF or email if available or by post

The prescribed RTI fee of Rs 10 has been paid via the RTI online portal ”

5. **Reply of the Respondent** –The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the matter is under examination. The respondent also informed that pursuant to examination, if any regulatory action is taken by SEBI, the same would be available in the public domain, on the SEBI website. The respondent informed that appellant can refer to SEBI website for updated information from time to time.
6. **Ground of appeal** – On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response of the respondent.

7. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. 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 of the respondent.
8. Additionally, I note that the appellant in his appeal has sought further information pertaining to his application. As held by the Hon'ble Central Information Commission in *Harish Prasad Divedi vs. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited* (decided on January 28, 2014), an information seeker cannot be allowed to expand the scope of his RTI enquiry at appeal stage. Accordingly, I find that the said submissions do not warrant consideration at this stage.
9. 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: October 01, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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