

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

Appeal No.5844 of 2023

Lilawati Devi : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. An application dated October 20, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated October 30, 2023 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00235) dated November 04, 2023. 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 October 20, 2023, *inter alia*, sought information pertaining to PACL Ltd. and refund process related to the same.
3. **Reply of the Respondent** - The respondent in response to the application informed that the information sought is not available with Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as “**SEBI**”). However, the appellant informed that Justice (Retd.) R. M. Lodha Committee was constituted by an order dated February 02, 2016 passed of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and that the same is not a Public Authority within the meaning under section 2(h) of the RTI Act. Hence, the said Committee would not fall within the purview of the said Act. The appellant was also advised to contact the Justice (Retd.) R. M. Lodha Committee. Further, the respondent provided the link for accessing the details of the Committee, for further communication. The respondent also provided the links for accessing the details with respect to PACL Refund, Public Notices, Press Releases, Status Report and FAQs etc. related to refund in the matter of PACL refund.
4. **Ground of appeal**- The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that information provided was incomplete, misleading or false information. The appellant, in her appeal, has submitted that a PDF file was

attached with her online RTI application, which contained some more queries and the same had not been responded to by the respondent in his reply.

5. I have perused the requests and the response provided thereto. I note that the appellant, in her application has raised a total of 12 requests. Out of the same, request nos. 1-4 form part of the main body of the online application form and request nos. 5 -12 were attached as a PDF file to the said application. On consideration, I note that respondent, vide his letter dated October 30, 2023 has only replied to request nos. 1-4 of the application. Hence, I find that the application has not been adequately addressed.
6. Considering the above observations, I remit the application to the respondent for *de novo* consideration and sending appropriate response to the appellant in terms of RTI Act, within 15 working days from the date of receipt of this order.
7. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

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Date: November 22, 2023

**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA**