

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

Appeal No. 5640 of 2023

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

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated March 05, 2023 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated March 20, 2023, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/23/00070) dated March 30, 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. **Queries in the application** –The appellant, vide her application dated March 05, 2023, *inter alia*, sought photocopy of order issued by SEBI where Mr. Arshad Warsi and 30 others have been debarred from the securities market.
3. The respondent, in response to the queries, informed that the regulatory actions taken by SEBI, if any would be available in public domain and can be accessed from the SEBI website. The respondent also provided the weblink/path to access the same.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that the information provided was incomplete, misleading or false. The appellant, in her appeal, reiterated the query raised in the application and submitted that the photocopy of the order has not been provided by the respondent.
5. I have perused the query and the response provided thereto. I note that information regarding any regulatory action taken by SEBI against any entity, is made available on the SEBI website, which is in the public domain and the same can be accessed by the appellant. I find that the respondent cannot be obliged to search the information which is already available in the public domain and then provide the same to the appellant. Notwithstanding the same, I note that the respondent has guided the appellant to

access the SEBI website. Accordingly, the query has been adequately addressed and I do not find any deficiency in the response.

6. Further, the relevant order can be accessed through the following link-

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/mar-2023/interim-order-in-the-matter-of-stock-recommendations-using-youtube-in-the-scrip-of-sadhna-broadcast-limited_68595.html

7. 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: April 28, 2023

ANAND BAIWAR

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