

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

Appeal No. 6607 of 2025

Rahul Sharma : Appellant
Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated October 02, 2025 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated October 31, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00286) dated November 01, 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. **Query in the application** - The appellant, in his application dated October 02, 2025, sought the following information:

“MY NAME IS RAHUL SHARMA I HAD DEPOSITED SOME MONEY IN SAHARA DROUP AND FOR THAT I HAD ALSO REGISTERED ON THE CRCS PORTAL CREATED BY YOU WHOSE REGISTRATION NUMBER IS 2307270024XXXX BUT THERE I AM BEING ASKED TO CORRECT SOME ERRORS WHILE ALL THE OFFICES OF SAHARA GROUP ARE NOW CLOSED SO PLEASE TELL ME WHAT CAN I DO TO GET MY MONEY BACK”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** –The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the information sought does not pertain to SEBI. However, respondent informed that the appellant can seek the information from Ministry of Cooperation.
4. **Ground of appeal** – The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he was provided incomplete, misleading or false information.

5. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I note that the respondent has categorically stated that the information sought does not pertain to SEBI. Hence, I find 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 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. Notwithstanding the above, I note that the application has been filed with respect to a deficiency intimation letter issued by Sahara-CRCS Refund Cell, Office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Ministry of Cooperation. In view of the same, the application may be transferred to Ministry of Cooperation within 5 working days from the date of receipt of this order, for taking appropriate action under the RTI Act.
7. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

Date: November 25, 2025

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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