

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

Appeal No. 4687 of 2022

Bhagirath Jha	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated Nil (received by SEBI on February 08, 2022) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated February 16, 2022, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated Nil (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on February 28, 2022). I have perused the application, the response of the respondent and the appeal and find that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.
2. **Query number 1-** The appellant, vide his application, *inter alia*, sought the following information:
 1. *In which company I have bought shares?*
 2. *provide the certificate with time, number etc. of all the shares of the companies bought by me.*
 3. *Provide information regarding number of companies in which shares were purchased, name of company, time of purchase and number of shares.*
 4. *Provide information with description within time.*
3. The respondent, in response to the aforesaid queries, informed that the queries are vague and not specific and accordingly, the same cannot be construed as seeking “information” under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
4. **Ground of appeal-** On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided by the respondent. The appellant, in his appeal, *inter alia*, submitted that the requested information has not been provided.
5. I have perused the queries raised by the appellant. I find that the same are vague and not specific. In this context, I note that in the matter of *Shri S. C. Sharma vs. CPIO, Securities and Exchange Board of India*

(Decision dated August 30, 2012), the Hon'ble CIC held: *"Since the Appellant had not clearly stated what exact information he wanted, the CPIO could not have provided any specific information to him. We would like to advise the Appellant that he might like to specify the exact information he wants from the SEBI and prefer a fresh application before the CPIO."* I find that the appellant's queries cannot be construed as seeking "information" as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response.

6. 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: March 25, 2022

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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