

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

Appeal No. 6572 of 2025

Pradeep Kumar Agrawal

:
Vs

Appellant

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai

:
Respondent

Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated September 14, 2025 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated September 19, 2025, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/25/00256) dated September 23, 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. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, in his application dated September 14, 2025, sought the following information:

“ As per the enclosed order (Order No. 0183/B-121/2024-25 dated 24.10.2024 issued by Tehsildar/Competent Authority), land situated at Khasra No. 16/5-4.181 hec,16/6-4.182 hec,16/8-4.182 hec,16/7-4.182 hec,16/2-4.181 hec,16/9-4.181 hec,16/3-4.181 hec,16/2- 1.393 hec,16/4-2.090 hec,16/4-2.091 hec,16/4-4.181 hec,16/12/2/1-2.163 hec,16/12/2/2-0.625 hec,16/10-4.181 hec,16/1/1-0.626 hec, Village DOBRA Tehsil BAMORI District GUNA (M.P.) has been treated as property of PACL Ltd. and restriction has been imposed on its sale/transfer.

In this regard, kindly provide the following information under the RTI Act, 2005:

- 1. On what basis and evidence has the above-mentioned land been treated as property of PACL Ltd.?*
- 2. Please provide the list of PACL properties in which the said land (Khasra No.(AS ABOW) has been included.*
- 3. Certified copies of documents/registries/records available with SEBI which establish the above land as PACL property.*

4. Certified copy of SEBI orders/circulars/instructions under which restriction on sale/transfer of the above property has been imposed.”

3. **Reply of the Respondent** –The respondent, in response to queries in the application, informed that the information sought is not available with SEBI. Further, the respondent informed that the details of PACL Matters – Public Notices, Press Releases, Status Report and FAQs etc. are available on SEBI website.
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. The respondent, in his response, has categorically mentioned that the requested information is not available with SEBI. 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 responsibility of disposal of the properties and repayment to investors, is entrusted with the Justice (Retd.) R. M. Lodha Committee (under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Mr. Justice R.M. Lodha, former Chief Justice of India), which has been constituted, pursuant to the order dated February 2, 2016 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India. I also note that the respondent has provided the links for accessing Status Reports, FAQs, Press Releases and Public Notices pertaining to the matter of PACL Ltd., which are already available in the public domain. The appellant may be guided accordingly.

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: October 10, 2025

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