

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

Appeal No. 4354 of 2021

Ravindra Singh	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated June 01, 2021 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated June 02, 2021 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated June 30, 2021, against the said response dated June 02, 2021. 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 his application dated June 01, 2021, *inter alia*, sought information regarding status of complaint no. NSDL/SS/S1....0/SCORES/0...5/1/2020 logged with NSDL SEBI. The appellant also sought reason for closure of the said complaint.
3. The respondent, in response to the queries, informed that reply to a similar application dated January 22, 2021 has been sent vide reply dated February 10, 2021. The respondent also enclosed the copy of the said reply dated February 10, 2021.
4. **Ground of appeal-** The appellant has filed an appeal on the ground that the information provided was incomplete, misleading or false.
5. I have perused the query and the response provided thereto. I note that the appellant had sought identical information vide his application dated January 22, 2021. I also note that the respondent, vide response dated February 10, 2021, had categorically informed that the information sought does not pertain to SEBI. I do not have any reason to disbelieve the said statement. On consideration, I concur with the response of the respondent and I do not find any deficiency therein.

6. It is observed that the appellant had filed an appeal dated February 24, 2021, on the ground that no response was provided with respect to his application dated January 22, 2021, within the time limit. This forum, vide order dated March 19, 2021 (in Appeal no. 4110 of 2021) had held that the appeal was infructuous as the response was provided within the stipulated time as laid down in the RTI Act. The said order also stated that *“It is, however, open for the appellant to file a fresh appeal as per law, if he is not satisfied with the reply provided by the respondent.”* A copy of the response dated February 10, 2021 was also enclosed with the said order.
7. From the available record, it appears that the appellant had not filed any fresh appeal with respect to the response dated February 10, 2021 provided by the respondent. It can be assumed that the appellant did not have any contention with respect to the said response.
8. 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: July 23, 2021

ANAND BAIWAR
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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