

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

Appeal No. 6743 of 2026

Nikhilkumar Dharmaram Chaudhary : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated January 18, 2026 (received by the respondent through RTI MIS Portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated February 04, 2026 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00061) dated February 10, 2026. 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 January 18, 2026, sought the following:

“Kindly provide the marks obtained in Phase 2 exam of SEBI Grade A recruitment held on 31.08.2024.

Candidate: Nikhilkumar Dharmaram Chaudhary Registration No.: 47608xxxxx Roll No.:1401000xxxxx

Also, provide the cut-offs of the said phase of examination.”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** –The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the information sought is available on SEBI website under “careers” section. The respondent has also provided the links for accessing the links for accessing the said information.
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. On consideration, I note that the respondent has informed that the requested information can be accessed from SEBI website. The respondent has also provided the links for accessing the same. Hence, I find that the requested information is in the public domain. In this context, reliance is placed on the decision of Hon'ble Central Information Commission dated December 22, 2022, in the matter of *Kul Bhushan Jain vs. CPIO, SEBI*, wherein it was observed that *"The Commission noted that the reply given by the CPIO was appropriate as he first quoted the relevant notifications with their dates -8th June 2018 and 30th November 2018. He also informed the appellant that these gazette notification are available on the SEBI website. A link was also given to access the same. The FAA quoted certain court rulings which state that once the information is available on a website, it is in public domain and no longer held or under the control of the public authority. The FAA had also stated that the link was provided to access the information and the link is active. The same was reiterated vide the written submissions dated 16.2.2022 which was also endorsed to the appellant. The Commission is in agreement with the submissions advanced by the Representative of the CPIO. From the submissions, it is abundantly clear that the information is available on the given website and hyper link..... Therefore, no further action is warranted"*
6. The appellant, in his appeal, has submitted that the link provided by the respondent for viewing the marks was not opening. On perusal, I note that the aforementioned web link is correct and opening. However, for the guidance of the appellant, the aforementioned web link and path to access the Phase II and interview marks for the 'SEBI Grade A-Recruitment, 2024' from SEBI website, is reproduced hereunder:
- Link: https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/results/result_grade_A_phase_2_and_interview_2024.html
- Path: Home »About » Careers» Miscellaneous
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: March 05, 2026

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