

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

Appeal No. 7082 of 2026

Subhash Chander : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated August 16, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated August 24, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated September 10, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00341). 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. **Queries in the application** - The appellant, in his application, sought the following information:

“Subject PACL Certificate No U038100xxxx My PACL Certificate No U038100xxxx is showing the status Land has been allotted as per the data provided by PACL Ltd. Under RTI Act 2005 kindly provide:

- 1. Complete details of the land shown as allotted against Certificate No U038100xxxx including Project Name Plot No Khasra or Survey No Village Tehsil District State and allotment date.*
- 2. Confirm whether the land was actually allotted registered transferred or possessed in my name or whether it is only recorded in PACL Ltd data. Provide the relevant certified record.*
- 3. Provide the present status of my claim and date wise details of action taken so far. Provide the order record or file noting for not processing my claim further due to Land Allotted.*
- 4. Provide the total amount deposited by me against Certificate No U038100xxxx as per PACL records including principal amount.*
- 5. Provide the rules orders or guidelines applicable to refund in Land Allotted cases. Clarify my refund eligibility and the recorded reason for withholding or not processing my refund claim.*

6. *Provide the record or document on the basis of which my claim is marked Land Allotted. If the information is held by another public authority kindly transfer the application under RTI Act 2005"*
3. **Reply of the Respondent** –The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the information sought is not available with SEBI. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the respondent stated that all communication regarding refund status is handled by the Justice (Retd.) R.M. Lodha Committee. The respondent also advised the appellant to approach the said Committee. 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 (**CIC**) 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 07, 2026

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**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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