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

Appeal No. 7130 of 2026

Mohammad Akbar	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated September 02, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated September 22, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated October 08, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00382). 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:

"I am a claimant/investor of PACL Limited. My PACL Certificate Number is U016350xxx and U016357xxx My claim application could not be processed further with the following message: Your application (PACL Certificate No. - U016350xxx/U016357xxxx) could not be processed further as you have declared Yes for Land allotted field in the claim application. I respectfully submit that I have not been allotted any land by PACL Limited. The Yes option in the Land allotted field was selected inadvertently by mistake while submitting the claim application. Under the Right to Information Act, 2005, kindly provide the following information:

1. *Whether there is any provision for correcting the Land allotted field from Yes to No when the claimant has selected Yes inadvertently and no land was actually allotted to him.*
2. *If such correction is permitted, please provide the complete procedure for correcting the field and reopening/reprocessing the claim.*
3. *Please inform whether my claim bearing PACL Certificate No. U01635xxx and U01635xxx can be reopened/reprocessed after correction of the Land allotted field from Yes to No.*

4. *Please provide the relevant rule, circular, guideline, notification or order under which such correction and reprocessing is permitted or not permitted.*
5. *Please inform whether I can submit any declaration/affidavit or other document confirming that no land was allotted to me, for the purpose of correction and reprocessing of my claim.*
6. *Please inform the authority/department and prescribed method through which I should request correction of the wrongly selected Land allotted field and reprocessing of my refund claim.*
7. *If correction/reprocessing of my claim is not permitted, kindly provide the specific rule/order/guideline under which my claim cannot be corrected or reconsidered.*

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. The respondent has also advised the appellant to approach the said Committee. 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.

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