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

Appeal No. 7158 of 2026

Sachin Yadav	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application which was transferred by the Reserve Bank of India to the respondent on September 08, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under section 6(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated October 05, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated October 21, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00404). 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. I note that the appellant, in his appeal, has raised the appeal only against the response of the respondent to query nos. 1-4, 6-12 and 18.

3. **Query nos. 1-4, 6-12 and 18 in the application** - The appellant, in his application, sought the following information:

> *"Sachin Yadav, submit the present application under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 seeking existing records relating to my candidature in the* ***SEBI Officer Grade A (Assistant Manager) 2025 Recruitment Exercise – Legal Stream.***
> *My particulars for identification of the relevant examination record are as follows:*
> ***Registration No.: 717084xxx***
> ***Roll No.: 2561000xxx***
> ***Stream: Legal***
> ***Phase II Examination Date: 21 February 2026***

The information sought below is confined to identifiable records, documents, electronic data, database entries, response files, evaluated answer records, score records, policies, instructions and communications already maintained by, available with, or accessible to IBPS in connection with the aforesaid examination.

INFORMATION SOUGHT

1. ***Complete Candidate Score Record pertaining to Phase II- Legal, held on 21.02.2026***

   Please provide a certified/authenticated copy of the complete candidate-specific marks and score record maintained in relation to my candidature, including the final score data as available in the relevant candidate master record, examination database, score sheet, result file, tabulation record or other corresponding record maintained by IBPS. The record supplied should show all examination components actually recorded against my Registration No. 717084xxx and Roll No. 2561000xxx.

2. ***Component-wise Phase II Marks*** *Please provide the existing record showing separately the marks recorded against my candidature in the Phase II Legal Objective paper, Legal Descriptive paper and English Descriptive paper, wherever such components were separately evaluated, scored or maintained. If any of the aforesaid components did not carry separate marks or no separate marks field was maintained for that component, kindly state that fact clearly.*

3. ***Final Phase II Score and Result Data***

   Please provide a certified/authenticated copy of the existing record showing my total Phase II marks, aggregate score, weighted score, qualifying status and any result/status field generated or recorded by IBPS in relation to my candidature. Please also provide the final score/result data concerning my candidature that was used for further processing of the recruitment exercise.

4. ***Complete Objective Examination Response Record***

   Please provide a complete, legible and authenticated electronic copy of my candidate response sheet or response record for the Phase II Legal Objective examination. The copy supplied should contain, to the extent maintained in the examination system, the question number/question identifier, option selected or response recorded by me, unanswered/blank status, test identifier, examination session, paper identifier and such other candidate-specific metadata as forms part of the maintained response record.

6. ***Answer Key Actually Used for Evaluation***

   Please provide a certified/authenticated copy of the final answer key actually applied for evaluation of my Phase II Legal Objective responses. The record supplied should enable correlation of each answer with the relevant question identifier and should include the applicable examination/test/session identifier to the extent maintained. Where an answer key underwent revision after the examination, please provide the final key actually used for computation of my score.

7. ***Question-wise Evaluation and Scoring Record***

   Please provide the existing question-wise evaluation/scoring record relating to my Legal Objective paper showing, to the extent such data is maintained electronically or otherwise, the question identifier, my recorded response, final answer treated

as correct for evaluation, whether my response was treated as correct, incorrect, unanswered, ignored or otherwise excluded, and the marks credited or deducted against that question. If IBPS does not maintain a separate question-wise marks record but maintains an electronic response-to-key comparison, scoring output, audit output or equivalent data field, please provide that existing record instead.

8. Objective Score Computation Record

Please provide a certified/authenticated copy of the existing calculation sheet, scoring output, electronic computation record or other record showing how my final Legal Objective score was arrived at from my recorded responses. The record sought includes, wherever maintained, the application of positive marks, negative marking, ignored-question treatment, defective-question benefit, rounding-off and any other adjustment actually applied in arriving at my final score. I am not requesting IBPS to freshly reconstruct or calculate my marks. The request is confined to the existing computation/scoring record generated or maintained during evaluation.

Please provide the existing record, policy, SOP, agreement extract or instruction identifying the department/unit within IBPS responsible for custody, maintenance and retention of candidate response records, evaluated descriptive responses, score data and result-transmission records for the aforesaid SEBI recruitment examination.

Where custody of different categories of records rests with different departments or service providers, the relevant existing record identifying such custody may be supplied.

9. Evaluated Legal Descriptive Answer Script

Please provide a complete, legible and authenticated copy of my final evaluated Legal ***Descriptive answer script/response file****, including every page or electronic answer submitted by me and all final evaluative markings, annotations, corrections, comments, question-wise marks, total marks and evaluator remarks forming part of the evaluated record.*

I do not seek the name, signature, personal particulars or confidential identifier of any evaluator. Such particulars, if considered exempt, may be masked or severed while supplying the remaining candidate-specific evaluated record.

10. Evaluated English Descriptive Answer Script

Please provide a complete, legible and authenticated copy of my final evaluated ***English Descriptive answer script/response file****, wherever such answer script was evaluated or retained in relation to my candidature. The record*

may include all responses submitted by me, final evaluative markings, annotations, comments, question-wise marks and final score forming part of the maintained evaluated record.

The identity, signature or confidential code of the evaluator is not sought and may be severed wherever legally necessary.

11. Candidate-specific Evaluation, Tabulation and Result Records

Please provide certified/authenticated copies of all candidate-specific score sheets, evaluation sheets, tabulation records, mark registers, result files, electronic database extracts or equivalent records in which my Phase II marks or evaluation results were finally recorded, consolidated, verified or approved.

This query is restricted entirely to records relating to my own candidature and does not seek data relating to any other candidate.

12. Final Data Transmitted to SEBI

Please provide a certified/authenticated copy of the candidate-specific marks, score, response, evaluation, qualification or result data relating to my candidature that was transmitted, supplied, uploaded, communicated or otherwise made available by IBPS to the Securities and Exchange Board of India for the purpose of processing, verification or declaration of the recruitment result.

The request is for the actual data concerning my candidature and not for information concerning other candidates

18. Record Concerning English Descriptive Marks/Data Shared with SEBI

Please provide the existing record showing whether my English Descriptive answer-script score, evaluation result or corresponding marks data was transmitted, supplied or otherwise made available to SEBI.

If such data was transmitted, kindly provide the candidate-specific transmitted record.

If the English Descriptive component was not separately scored, was not included in the result transmitted to SEBI or no such transmission record exists, kindly state the position appearing from the maintained records."

4. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response to query nos. 1, 2, 3 & 8 in the application, stated that the relevant information pertaining to SEBI Recruitment Exercise, 2025 has been published on the SEBI website.

With regard to query nos. 4, 6 & 7, respondent provided along with his reply, a copy of the response sheet (answer Marked by Roll No. 2561000xxx) and the right answer keys for the post of Officer Grade 'A' (Assistant Manager) 2025 Legal Stream Phase II exam (Paper 2).

With regard to query nos. 9 & 10, the respondent informed that the online examination for recruitment of SEBI Grade A Officer is conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS - which is an autonomous body) within the terms of MoU as per which only IBPS is in possession of copies of question papers, which are not shared with SEBI. Hence, the same is not available with SEBI.

With regard to query nos. 11 and 12, the respondent informed that the information sought pertains to the internal functioning of SEBI and relates to the systems and procedures followed at SEBI. In view of the same, respondent stated that the information sought is exempt u/s 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the respondent stated that the relevant information pertaining to SEBI Recruitment Exercise 2025 has been published on SEBI website.

5. **Ground of appeal** — The appellant has filed the appeal on the ground that he was refused access to the information requested.

6. I have perused the application and the response provided thereto. I note that similar request was sought by the appellant in his earlier RTI application (Reg. no. SEBIH/R/E/26/00982) dated July 16,2026 for which the respondent had already provided the reply vide his letter dated August 13, 2026. Further, FAA order dated September 11, 2026 was also passed with respect to the said earlier RTI application in Appeal no. 7047 of 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00313). Hence, I find that the said requests are repetitive in nature. In the context of filing repetitive requests under RTI Act, the Hon'ble Central Information Commission in the matter of *Shri Ramesh Chand Jain vs. Delhi Transport Corporation, GNCTD, Delhi* (File No. CIC/AD/A/2013/001326−SA decided on June 25, 2014) held that "*The universal principles of civil justice also recognized 'constructive res judicata', which in the RTI context means when an applicant uses an opportunity of obtaining information on a particular subject as per law, he is expected to seek all the related information in that first ever opportunity itself. He cannot file another application for a bit or piece which he forgot to ask, or not advised by his lawyer, or for any other reason. He should ask all possible aspects of information about that subject matter, in the first ever available opportunity. Even if he does not, it is presumed by law that he asked for that and was refused after due trial……. Thus, once information is given, applicant shall not seek the same once again in the guise of different form or language. If the applicant seeks information again and again, the PIO, the First Appellate Authority and the Commission would be forced to spend their time on this repeated application, and in the process the authorities would lose that much time to address the other RTI applications or performing their general duties in their public office. Repeated RTI applications will amount to clogging the office of public authority and CPIO would be justified in refusing the same with intimation of reasons. Because the repeated RTI application has an effect of clogging the public offices, it would amount to obstructing the free flow of information to deserving and genuine*

RTI applicants, besides preventing the officers from performing their general duties attached to their office". In view of the above, I find that no further intervention of this forum is warranted at this stage.

7. Notwithstanding the above, I note that the appellant has informed that the copy of the response sheet and the right answer keys provided to him were illegible. In this regard, the respondent is directed to provide clearer copy of the aforementioned documents, if available, within 15 working days from the date of receipt of this Order.

8. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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