

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

Appeal No. 6853 of 2026

Narayan Purohit : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated April 07, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated April 28, 2026 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated April 28, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00155). 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 dated April 07, 2026, sought the following information:

“Kindly provide me the copy of Draft Red Herring Prospectus filed on 16 January 2025 with SME Exchange of BSE Ltd by SHLOKKA DYES LTD . CIN U24299GJ2021PLC 124004 and later withdrawn the submitted Draft RHP, due to non receipt of NOC from lender Bank - State Bank Of India .Ahmedabad”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the copy of Draft Red Herring Prospectus (**DRHP**) filed by Shlokka Dyes Ltd on SME Platform of BSE is available in public domain. The respondent also provided a link for accessing the same.
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 find that the copy of DRHP filed by Shlokka Dyes Ltd dated January 16, 2025 can be accessed by the appellant from BSE website.

Hence, I find that the requested information is available on public domain. In this context, I note that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in *Registrar of Companies & ors. Vs. Dharmendra Kumar Garg & anr.* and the Hon'ble Central Information Commission in *Shri K Lall vs. Shri M K Bagri* (CIC/AT/A/2007/00112, order dated April 12, 2007) held that if the relevant information is available in the public domain, the same cannot be said to be information held by the public authority and consequently, there is no obligation to provide such information to an applicant under the RTI Act. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the said response of the respondent.

6. 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: May 25, 2026

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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