

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

Appeal No. 6967 of 2026

Jatin : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated June 28, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated July 08, 2026 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated July 09, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00251). 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 June 28 2026 sought the following information:

“I seek information under the Right to Information Act 2005 regarding PACL Registration No. U0521xxxx in the name of Mrs. Veena Rani. SEBI, while disposing of my CPGRAMS Complaint No. PMOPG/E/2026/0108164, informed that the investor claim has been kept on hold because land has been allotted as per the records provided by PACL Ltd. However, neither the investor nor any member of the family has ever received any allotment letter, plot details, possession letter, sale deed or any communication regarding the alleged allotment. Kindly provide the following information and certified copies of records.

1. Copy of the allotment letter issued in favour of the investor, if available.

2. Plot number, plot area and date of allotment.

3. Village, Tehsil, District and State where the allotted plot is situated.

4.Khasra Number, Survey Number or any other land identification details.

5.Copy of the site plan or layout plan relating to the allotted plot, if available.

6.Copy of the possession letter, possession memo or any record showing that possession was offered or delivered.

7.Copy of any record bearing the acknowledgment or signature of the investor accepting the allotment or possession.

8.Copies of all records available with SEBI or the Justice Retd. R. M. Lodha Committee on the basis of which PACL

9.Registration No. U052141xxx has been treated as a Land Allotted case.

10.Whether the above land is still available. If not, kindly provide copies of records showing when, under whose authority and in what manner the land was sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of.

11.Name and designation of the authority presently maintaining the original allotment records relating to PACL Registration No. U052141xxx.

12.Kindly provide details of any communication issued to the investor regarding the alleged allotment including the date, mode of dispatch and proof of delivery, if available.

I am requesting only copies of existing records and factual information available with the public authority. No opinion, clarification or interpretation is sought. Kindly provide the information within the prescribed period under the Right to Information Act 2005.”

3. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response the application, informed that the information sought is not available with SEBI. Further, respondent informed that all communication regarding the refund status is handled by Justice (Retd.) R.M Lodha Committee and advised the appellant to approach the said Committee. The respondent also 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 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 advised the appellant to approach the said Committee. The respondent has also 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: August 05, 2026

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