

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

**Appeal No. 6869 of 2026**

Saket Dewangan : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

**ORDER**

1. The appellant had filed an application dated April 27, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated May 05, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated May 06, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00167). 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 27, 2026, sought the following information:

*“I am a family member of the applicants for refund under PACL scheme I would like to seek the following information under the RTI Act 2005*

*1 What is the current status of my PACL refund application Registration No N152xxxxx*

*2 What is the current status of my PACL refund application Registration No N152050xxxx*

*3 What is the current status of my PACL refund application Registration No N152050xxxx*

*4 What is the current status of my PACL refund application Registration No N1521xxxxx*

*5 Kindly provide the amount currently under process for refund latest available data*

*6 What is the procedure to correct land allotment mistake from YES to NO in PACL refund applications*

7 *What is the expected timeline for processing correction and releasing refund*

8 *Kindly inform the present status of the above mentioned registration numbers specifying whether they are approved rejected or pending In case of rejection or pendency due to any discrepancy error provide detailed reasons along with copies of relevant records file notings and action taken so far*

9 *Provide copies of guidelines rules issued by SEBI or the committee regarding correction of PACL refund application errors including land allotment mistake of selecting YES instead of NO*

10 *If PACL has allotted land against the registration numbers N152050098 N152050101 N152050104 and N152116341 as per the claim application status showing in sebipacrefund website then provide the land details and land ownership paper Title Deed of each registration number*

11 *How to change account number in refund application form because account number is changed due to merger of Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda and they have given bank details of Dena Bank...”*

3. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response to application, informed that the information sought is not available with SEBI. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, 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 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: June 02, 2026**

**RUCHI CHOJER**  
**APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT**  
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