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

Appeal No. 7133 of 2026

Suresh Kumar	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated September 29, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated October 06, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated October 08, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00385). 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 an investor and claimant of PACL Ltd. My PACL Certificate No. is U08xxx. My PACL Refund Claim Status shows that land has been allotted against the said PACL Certificate.

In my previous RTI reply, SEBI clearly informed that the requisite information is available with the Justice (Retd.) R.M. Lodha Committee and advised me to contact the Committee.

Accordingly, I submitted an application to the Lodha Committee on 24.07.2026 through Speed Post Article No. ER457301468IN. The article was delivered on 31.07.2026, but I have not received any reply or information from the Lodha Committee till date. Please provide the following information regarding the land allegedly allotted against PACL Certificate No. U087xxxx:

1. *Plot Number, Survey Number and Khasra Number of the allotted land.*
2. *Village, Tehsil, District and State of the allotted land.*
3. *Total area of the allotted land and date of land allotment.*

4. *Certified copy of the Allotment Letter or Certificate issued in my name.*
5. *Certified copy of the record or data on the basis of which the land is shown as allotted against my PACL Certificate.*
6. *Certified copies of any Possession, Registry, Mutation or other ownership records, if available.*
7. *If the above information is not available with SEBI and the Lodha Committee is also not providing the information, please inform me which competent authority I should approach for obtaining this information and where I should file First Appeal, Second Appeal or Complaint under the RTI Act."*

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. 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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