

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

Appeal No. 6832 of 2026

Kedar Nath Yadav : 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 08, 2026 responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated April 09, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00132). 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:

“(1) Kindly provide certified copies of records/ documents/ data entries in lieu of which my claim bearing Registration/ Certificate No. U028140xxx has been classified as (could not be processed due to Land Already Allotted) by the relevant authority.

(2) Kindly provide certified copies of all documents records or reports which has made the relevant/ concerned authority such as (but not limited to) SEBI PACL COMMITTEE to conclude that land has actually been allotted in respect of my PACL investment including:

(a) Data received from PACL Ltd.

(b) Internal verification reports

(c) Any third party or field verification records

(3) Kindly provide the documents/ records describing the procedure followed for verification of claims under the PACL refund scheme specifically in cases where land allotment is indicated.

(4) Kindly provide certified copies of rules or circulars or official instructions specifying

(a) The procedure for correction of erroneous claim status

(b) The authority competent to review such cases

(5) Kindly provide:

(a) Details of authority/office handling grievances related to PACL claim status including their active public communication Telephone/Mobile Number/email address etc.

(b) Copies of relevant rules or guidelines governing grievance redressal

(6) Kindly provide:

(a) Detailed guidelines qua the correction process viz. how and where to get it corrected

(c) Time generally taken for such correction process

(7) Kindly Provide:

(a) Copies of records with personal details masked (if necessary) showing action taken in similar cases where claim status was incorrectly marked as land already allotted and later corrected by the concerned department.”

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 informed that the details of PACL Matters – Public Notice, 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 refused access to the information requested.
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: May 07, 2026

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APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
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