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

Appeal No. 7031 of 2026

Sanjay Singh	:	Appellant
	Vs	
CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai	:	Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated July 15, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"). The respondent, by a letter dated August 07, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated August 08, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00300). 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:

   "1. Certified copies of all statutory disclosures, material event alerts ,and structural/financial damage assessment reports filed by Tata Communications Limited and/or its corporate affiliates with the exchanges or SEBI concerning the major fire outbreak on 5th June 2026 at the Next-Gen Tower facility, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi.

   2. A copy of the formal internal incident report or business continuity log timeline submitted by the entity to state regulators detailing thecause of the lithium-ion battery failure and the resultant data/hardwareloss impact"

3. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response to query no. 1 in the application, informed that all filings and disclosures made by a listed company with the Stock Exchange are available in public domain and may be accessed through the website of the concerned Stock Exchanges.

   With regard to query no. 2, the respondent informed that the information sought is not available with SEBI.

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. With regard to query no. 1, the respondent has clearly informed that all the filings and disclosures made by a listed company with exchanges are available in the website of the concerned stock exchanges. Hence, the same are in the 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. With regard to query no.2, I note that the respondent has categorically stated that the requested information is not available with SEBI. I note that the respondent can only provide information that is available in the records. 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.

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: September 04, 2026

RUCHI CHOJER
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA