

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

Appeal No. 7043 of 2026

Aniket Singh : Appellant

Vs

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

1. The appellant had filed an application dated July 17, 2026 (received by SEBI through RTI MIS portal) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“**RTI Act**”). The respondent, by a letter dated August 14, 2026, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated August 14, 2026 (Reg. No. SEBIH/A/E/26/00311). 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:

“A certified copy of my evaluated answer script of Paper 1 (Descriptive English) of the Phase-2 Online Examination for Recruitment of Officer Grade A (Assistant Manager) General Stream, 2025.

If any remarks, annotations, moderation notes, examiner observations, or evaluation markings were made on the answer script, kindly provide the same as available on record.”
3. **Reply of the Respondent** – The respondent, in response to the application, informed that the online examination for recruitment of SEBI Grade A Officer is conducted by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS – which is an autonomous body) within the terms of MoU as per which only IBPS is in possession of copies of evaluated descriptive paper, which is not shared with SEBI. Hence, the same 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. On consideration, I note that the respondent has stated that as per MOU only IBPS is in possession of copies of evaluated descriptive paper, and the same is not shared with SEBI. Hence, the respondent has 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, reliance is placed on the decision of Hon'ble Central Information Commission (CIC) in the matter of *Lakshminarayanan R vs. SEBI* (order dated February 09, 2023), wherein it was observed that *"It is an established law that the information sought for in order to be disclosable under the RTI Act, 2005 must be existent and available in the records..... In the instant case, the desired information was not available in the records of the respondent authority"*. Accordingly, I do not find any deficiency in the response of the respondent.
6. 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 09, 2026

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