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Appeal No. 3933 of 2020

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

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Arun Kumar : Appellant

Vs.

CPIO, SEBI, Mumbai : Respondent

ORDER

- 1. The appellant had filed an application dated July 30, 2020 (received by SEBI on August 12, 2020) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("RTI Act"). The respondent, by a letter dated August 24, 2020, responded to the application filed by the appellant. The appellant filed an appeal dated September 28, 2020 (received by the Office of Appellate Authority on October 01, 2020), against the said response dated September 25, 2020 (received by the respondent on September 21, 2020). I have carefully considered the application, the response 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, vide his application dated July 30, 2020, has *inter alia* sought the following information-
 - 1. Which department of Indian Government has granted registration to Golden 24 (registration number-MSCS/CR/594/2012) (Hamara India Credit Cooperative Society Limited). Provide date of order for granting the registration. What is the determined scope of work of the company.
 - 2. Which department of Indian Government has granted registration to Sahara G Anokha (registration number-MSCS/CR/333/2010) (Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited). Provide date of order for granting the registration. What is the determined scope of work of the company.
 - 3. Which department of Indian Government has granted registration to Star 2 (registration number-MSCS/CR/935/2014) (Saharyan Universal Multipurpose Society Limited). Provide date of order for granting the registration. What is the determined scope of work of the company.

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4. How much security money have been deposited by the three companies (Golden 24, Sahara G Anokha

and Star 2), to the Government of India, to do their work.

3. The respondent, in response to query numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, informed that Sahara Credit Co-operative

Society Ltd. is a Multi-state Co-operative society which falls under the purview of the Ministry of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. It was also informed that the complaints

received by SEBI against Sahara Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., are forwarded to the Ministry of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, for appropriate action.

4. **Grounds of appeal-** On perusal of the appeal, it appears that the appellant is not satisfied with the

response of the respondent. The appellant, in his appeal, has inter alia submitted that the information

provided is incorrect since the respondent has not considered section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

5. On perusal of the application and the response, I note that the respondent has provided information

regarding query number 2 of the application, which pertains to Sahara Credit Co-operative Society Ltd. It

appears that the appellant had also sought information regarding schemes of two other companies i.e.

Hamara India Credit Cooperative Society Limited and Saharyan Universal Multipurpose Society Limited. I find that

the respondent has neither provided the requested information, nor explained the reasons why the same

is not provided. Therefore, the respondent shall reconsider the request and provide appropriate response

to query numbers 1, 3 and 4.

6. In view of these observations, I remit the matter to the respondent for reconsidering query numbers 1, 3

and 4 of the appellant's application as mentioned hereinabove and to provide a revised response within

15 working days from the date of receipt of this order.

7. The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Place: Mumbai

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Date: October 29, 2020

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