# BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY BOARD OF INDIA

7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mayur Bhawan, Shankar Market, Connaught Circle, New Delhi- 110 001 **Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025** 

### RTI Appeal Registration No. ISBBI/A/E/24/00059

#### IN THE MATTER OF

Mr. Vakati Balasubramanyam Reddy

... Appellant

Vs.

#### **Central Public Information Officer**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mayur Bhawan, Shankar Market, Connaught Circle, New Delhi - 110 001.

... Respondent

#### **ORDER**

- 1. I have carefully examined the application, the response of the Respondent and the Appeal. In terms of section 2(f) of the RTI Act 'information' means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force." It is pertinent to mention here that the Appellant's "right to information" flows from section 3 of the RTI Act and the said right is subject to the provisions of the Act. Section 2(j) of the RTI Act defines the "right to information" in terms of information accessible under the Act which is held by or is under the control of a public authority. The aforesaid definitions contemplate providing of material in the forms of records, documents, opinions, advices, etc. It does not include resolving grievances of the Appellant from the information provided.
- 2. The Appellant has stated the following in the Appeal "1. Referring to the response sent for the request to share copies of all papers, records, and proceedings related to the opinion formed under Reg. 7 (3) of the IBBI (Grievance & Complaint Handling Procedure) Regulations, 2017; file notings in respect of examination of the complaint and issuance of SCN has been sent. However, file notings at Note No. 5 reads as Investigation report in the matter is submitted for consideration. Annexures to the report are placed at Reference. However, the copies of the requested opinion formed under Reg. 7 (3) of the IBBI (Grievance & Complaint Handling Procedure) Regulations, 2017 have not been shared."
- 3. The Respondent is expected to provide information as available on record and not create any information. Accordingly, the information as available with CPIO, has been provided to the Appellant. He cannot provide any other information. Same is beyond the scope of 'right to information' under section 2(j) of the RTI Act which limits the information to one 'accessible' under the RTI Act and 'which is held by or under the control of any public authority'. Accordingly, in my view, the information as requested by the Appellant has been disclosed to him under the RTI Act and no further information can be disclosed.

4. The appeal is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/
(Kulwant Singh)
First Appellate Authority

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