

Before Amir M. Khan Afridi – Head of Department

In the Matter of Show Cause Notice issued to Bela Automotives Limited

Dates of Hearing:

May 30, 2022, June 3, 2022 and June 24, 2022

Order-Redacted Version

Order dated June 27, 2022 was passed by Head of Department (Adjudication-I) in the matter of Bela Automotives Limited. Relevant details are given as hereunder:

Nature	Details
1. Date of Action	Show cause notice dated May 16, 2022
2. Name of Company	Bela Automotives Limited
3. Name of Individual*	The proceedings were initiated against the Company.
4. Nature of Offence	<p>Proceedings were initiated in terms of Section 510 of the Companies Act, 2017 (the Act) read with S.R.O. 1196(1) of 2019 (the SRO).</p> <p>Brief facts of the case are that review of Company records transpired that the Respondent failed to maintain a functional website, contrary to the requirements of the SRO, which requires all listed companies to maintain a functional website and to place thereon the requisite mandatory information in the prescribed sequential order.</p>
5. Action Taken	<p>Key findings were reported in the following manner:</p> <p>I have gone through the facts of the case in light of the relevant provisions of the Act and the SRO, the information available on record, and the Respondent's reluctance to response to the SCN and to appear in the hearing fixed three (3) times and state that the mandatory functional website is aimed at serving as a valuable tool for existing and potential investors for making well-informed decisions, as well as being mutually beneficial for companies giving them an effective platform to provide all significant and material information to the stakeholders and seek their feedback wherever required. The Commission believes that this is a progressive step towards aligning the participants of capital markets with global technological progress and international best practices. Needless to say, that an optimized, functional, interactive website is instrumental to a Company's success helping it establish credibility as a business. A functional website and its maintenance are essential as it warrants its performance at peak by removing errors, security issues and delivering the best user experience to customers and clients alike.</p> <p>In view of the above, it is stated that non-compliance with the SRO has been established and conceded, hence the Respondent is liable to be penalized under Section 510 of the Act as a result of failing to maintain a functional/updated website of the Company.</p>

	Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 510 of the Act, I hereby impose a penalty of Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees seventy-five thousand only) on the Respondent, i.e. Bela Automotives Limited.
6. Penalty Imposed	Penalty of Rs. 75,000/- imposed on the Company.
7. Current Status of Order	No Appeal has been filed by the Company.

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