

**OFFICE OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY**  
**(Appointed under the Right to Information Act, 2005)**  
**The Institute of Company Secretaries of India ICSI House**  
**C-36, Sector-62, Institutional Area**  
**Noida - 201 309 (U.P.)**

**Appeal No.00039/2024**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Shri Prakhar Tiwari  
Kanpur Uttar Pradesh 208001

Appellant

Vs.

Central Public Information Officer (EXAM)  
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India  
C-37, Sector 62, NOIDA- 201309

Respondent

Date of Order: 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/24/00039 on 21.03.2024 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref No. ICSOI/R/E/24/07549 dated 21.03.2024 against the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide his application dated 21.03.2024 has requested to provide question paper of TAX LAW (Set C) of CS EXECUTIVE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2023 attempt.
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeal that "Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information".
- (4) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

"It is submitted that due to inadvertent omission the requisite information as sought by the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) in his RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/24/07549 dated 21.03.2024, could not be provided to him.

Further, the requisite information is in public domain and available at the website of the Institute at web link <https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/icsiweb/questionpaperdecember2023.html> (Screen shot attached).

Furthermore, The Appellant has specifically asked for SET – C of the paper "Tax Laws" and not Set – A which is available on the website at the above mentioned link. This is to inform that the questions available in each of the four sets i.e. A,B,C and D are the same and only the sequence is altered, and hence all the questions sought by Appellant can be viewed in the Question Paper (Set – A) available in the website.

It is also to inform that the Question Papers are also provided to the intended recipients on the day of Examination.

Hence, no other information can be provided to the Appellant.

The contents as above made in the RTI reply stands as it is and are candid”.

- (5) This Office has carefully considered the application, the response, the appeal and the records made available and finds that the matter can be decided based on the material available on record.

The requisite information as sought by the Applicant was freely available in public domain without any cost at link <https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/icsiweb/questionpaperdecember2023.html> as intimated by CPIO EXAM.

The Office concurs with submission of the Respondent.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)

First Appellate Authority

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