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. 276/2023

IN THE MATTER OF:

Rikki 1/17 GB Lane West Bengal **Appellant**

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 17 May, 2023

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00276 on 24.04.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/23/02062 dated 16.03.2023 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 26.02.2023 has requested to check his certified copies of examination.
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeals that "No Response Within the Time Limit".
- (4) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

It is submitted that the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) has filed the Appeal on 24.04.2023 in response to the information supplied to him on 16.03.2023 for his RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/23/02062 dated 26.02.2023 beyond the time limit as specified under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Further, this is to inform that that the Answer Books of the Appellant in respect of his appearance in CS Examination, June 2022 session, have been disposed of in accordance with Record Retention schedule of The Directorate of Examinations, ICSI as in force and hence the same cannot be provided.

Furthermore, it is submitted that the Record Retention schedule of the Institute is in public domain and available at Institute's website www.icsi.edu.

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.
- (6) This Office concurs with the submission of the Respondent. Respondent has informed the Appellant on 16.03.2023 about disposal of his answer books of June, 2022 examination as per the record retention schedule of The Directorate of Examinations, ICSI. Further, Record Retention schedule of the Institute is in public domain and available at Institute's website www.icsi.edu.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Ankur Yadav) First Appellate Authority

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