

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.309/2023

IN THE MATTER OF:

Manish Agarwal
95 Bhagat Singh Marg,
C Zone, Durgapur Dist. Burdwan
West Bengal- 713205

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 28th June, 2023

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed the first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00309 on 30.05.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/11957 dated 15.05.2023 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 18.04.2023 has requested to provide the details of all candidates who have appeared for any examination conducted by the Institute in December, 2015 from the Examination Centre in Siliguri, West Bengal in the following format Name of the Candidate Registration No. of the Candidate Examination for which appeared Total Marks Marks Obtained Whether Passed/Failed.
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeal that "Refused access to Information Requested."
- (4) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

"It is submitted that the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) had sought candidate-wise information of the Examination held in Siliguri in Dec. 2015 in his RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/23/11957 dated 18.04.2023. The information sought is including Name of Candidates, Registration number, Examination stage, total marks and Marks obtained, making it evident that the same is personal information of other person and the Central Public Information officer is of the opinion that the disclosure of the same has no relationship to any public activity or interest and would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the other persons and exempt from disclosure under Section 8 (1) (j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Applicant was responded accordingly vide letter dated 15.05.2023. Further, in the instant Appeal the Appellant has sought "...The

details available in any format for all the Examination in December, 2015 from Siliguri..." which is vague and ambiguous and thus the instant Appeal is liable to be rejected."

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. Since the disclosure of information of any candidate is exempted vide clause: Section 8(1) (j) of RTI Act 2005, hence, details cannot be provided.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Ankur Yadav)
First Appellate Authority

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