

**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.310/2023**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Drishti Vardhani  
8/134 Malviya Nagar  
Amit Bhardwaj Marg  
Jaipur- 302017 (RJ)

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed the first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00310 on 02.06.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/23/06159 dated 24.03.2023 against the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide her application dated 02.03.2023 has requested to provide the photocopy of the certified copy for CS Executive Examination conducted in December 2022 for the subjects PAPER 1 Jurisprudence interpretation and general laws PAPER 2 Company law PAPER 3 Setting up of business entities and closure. PAPER 4 Tax laws PAPER 5 Economic business and commercial laws PAPER 6 Corporate and management accounting PAPER 7 Financial and strategic management PAPER 8 Securities law and capital market.
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeal that “No Response Within the Time Limit.”
- (4) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

“It is submitted that we have provided the requisite information as sought by the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) in her RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/23/06159 dated 02.03.2023, at the email id of the Appellant registered with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India vide email dated 24.03.2023 in which a web-link, Username and Password have been provided to the Appellant to access the information sought.

Further, this is to inform you that the information sought was the Answer Books of the Appellant in respect of her appearance in CS Examination, December 2022 session, and that the Answer Books of the CS Examination,

December 2022 have been disposed of in accordance with the Record Retention Schedule of Directorate of Examinations, ICSI and hence, the same cannot be provided.

Furthermore, it is submitted that the Appellant has filed the Appeal on 02.06.2023 in response to the information supplied to her on 24.03.2023 for her RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/23/06159 dated 02.03.2023 beyond the time limit as specified under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005”.

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. It has been noticed that the Answer Books of the CS Examination, December 2022 have been disposed of in accordance with the Record Retention Schedule of the Directorate of Examinations, ICSI. Hence, the same cannot be provided.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Ankur Yadav)  
First Appellate Authority

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