

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.312/2023

IN THE MATTER OF:

Aditya Kumar Poddar
Samiran Roy Road
Savitri Sadan Apartment
B Block 1st Floor
West Bengal- 713301

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 18th July, 2023

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed the first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00312 on 24.06.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/23/12258 dated 21.06.2023 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 16.06.2023 has requested to provide the answer book for all 04 papers of CS Executive Group 1 Examination conducted in December 2022.
- (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 information sought was the Answer Books of the Applicant (Appellant hereinabove) in respect of his 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.

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. 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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