

**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.328/2023**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Manish Kumar  
B-1160, B-Block  
Mangol Puri  
New Delhi- 110083

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00328 on 11.09.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/23/14316 dated 11.09.2023 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 25.08.2023 has requested to provide the certified copy of answer sheet of CS Professional Examinations held in June 2023 for the subjects: 1. GOVERNANCE, RISK MANAGEMENT, COMPLIANCES AND ETHICS (GRMCE) 2. SECRETARIAL AUDIT, COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT AND DUE DILIGENCE (SACMDD) 3. CORPORATE FUNDING AND LISTINGS IN STOCK EXCHANGES (CFLSE) 4. ADVANCED TAX LAWS (ATL) 5. CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING, INSOLVENCY, LIQUIDATION AND WINDING-UP (CRILW) 6. MULTIDISCIPLINARY CASE STUDIES (MCS)(Open Book Exam) 7. DRAFTING, PLEADINGS AND APPEARANCES (DPA) 8. RESOLUTION OF CORPORATE DISPUTES, NON- COMPLIANCES AND REMEDIES (RCDNR) 9. INSOLVENCY - LAW AND PRACTICE (INLP).
- (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 requisite information as sought by the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) in his RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/23/14316 dated 25.08.2023, is in public domain and freely available without any cost at link <https://cc.icsi.edu> .

Further, the Appellant was informed about the said link and the procedure to fetch the information in response to his above mentioned RTI Application vide letter dated 11.09.2023. An announcement in this regard has also been published on the website of the Institute (copy of Announcement attached).

Furthermore, it is to be informed that the information provided to the Appellant is complete in all respects and the Application has been disposed of accordingly, and not rejected as stated by 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 Appellant was freely available in public domain without any cost at link <https://cc.icsi.edu> as intimated by CPIO EXAM to the appellant vide communication dated 11.09.2023.

However, the Appellant may seek support from CPIO EXAM at the email ID [cpioexam@icsi.edu](mailto:cpioexam@icsi.edu), if required. CPIO EXAM is requested to support the Appellant on request.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)  
First Appellate Authority

Copy to:

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(copy of Announcement).

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CPIO(Examinations)

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