

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.349/2023

IN THE MATTER OF:

Ms. Aarti
House no 666 Block R
Mangol puri
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: 17th October, 2023

ORDER

(1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00349 on 18.09.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/23/14799 dated 18.09.2023 against the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

(2) The Appellant vide her application dated 26.08.2023 has requested to provide the photo copies of answer books for CS Executive Examination- Module 2 held in June 2023 for the subjects: 426 / SECURITIES LAWS AND CAPITAL MARKETS 02 : 427 / ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL 03 : 428 / FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT.

(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 her RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/23/14799 dated 26.08.2023, 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 sought information vide letter dated 18.09.2023(copy of letter enclosed). An announcement in this regard has also been published on the website of the Institute (copy of announcement attached).

Furthermore, it is to inform that Appellant has already accessed the required information through the above mentioned portal (screenshot attached).

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 18.09.2023.

Further, CPIO EXAM has substantiated that Appellant has already accessed the required information through the above-mentioned portal.

However, if the Appellant has not been able to see the copies online, the Appellant may approach the Respondent within 05 days of issue of this Order. It is further directed that if approached again, the Respondent to provide the requisite support to the Appellant within 07 days of being approached

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)

First Appellate Authority

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