

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.421/2023

IN THE MATTER OF:

Shri Jayeshpuri Rameshpuri Goswami
Naya Pura Vas, Village-Narlai, Tehsil-Desuri,
Pali, Rajasthan-306703

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 6th November, 2023

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00421 on 07.10.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref No. ICSOI/R/E/23/16580 dated 20.09.2023 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 27.08.2023 has requested to provide the certified copies of answer sheets for CS Professional Examination held in June 2023 for the subjects:
1.Governance, Risk Management, Compliances and Ethics (431)2.Advance Tax Laws (432)
3.Drafting, Pleadings Appearances (433).
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeal that “No response within time limit”.
- (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/23/16580 dated 27.08.2023, was made available in public domain and was 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 20.09.2023(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).

However, the scanned copy of one of the subjects namely “Governance, Risk management, Compliances and Ethics” could not be provided due to some technical problems and it shall be provided once the technical issue is resolved.

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 20.09.2023.

Further, CPIO EXAM has substantiated that Appellant has already accessed the required information through the above-mentioned portal except one paper which could not be provided due to technical problems. CPIO EXAM has also mentioned that the paper shall be provided once technical issue is resolved.

CPIO (EXAM) is advised to ensure timely availability of copy to the student.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)
First Appellate Authority

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