

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.440/2023

IN THE MATTER OF:

Ms. MEGHA AGARWAL
147/G30 GIRISH GHOSH ROAD
BELURMATH
711202

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 10th November, 2023

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00440 on 13.10.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref No. ICSOI/R/E/23/23053 dated 29.09.2023 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 08.09.2023 has requested to provide the certified copies of answer paper of CS Professional Examination held in June 2023 for the subjects: 434:Secretarial Audit, Compliance Management and Due Diligence(SACMDD) 436: Resolution of Corporate Disputes, Non Compliances and Remedies (RCDNR).
- (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/23/23053 dated 08.09.2023, 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 29.09.2023(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 29.09.2023.

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

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)
First Appellate Authority

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