

**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.447/2023**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Shri Rohan  
EE 2722 Jahangirpuri  
Delhi

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/23/00447 on 20.10.2023 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref No. ICSOI/R/E/23/25266 dated 20.10.2023 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 07.10.2023 has requested to provide the list of examination centers for the CS Executive exams scheduled for June 2023 in Delhi.
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeal that “Provided incomplete, misleading or false information”.
- (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/23/25266 dated 07.10.2023, was provided to him vide letter dated 20.10.2023 in which the weblink of list of examination centers had been provided (copy of letter and list of Examination Centers attached).

Further, in the instant Appeal the Appellant has sought detailed information of schools and institutes, including their names, where these centers are located within the city of Delhi.

This is to inform that such information is exempt from disclosure under section 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act, 2005 as it falls in the category of commercial confidence and trade secrets and the disclosure of it may harm the competitive position of the third party.

Additionally, this information is available as result of fiduciary relationship between the ICSI and Schools/Colleges where the centers are located, and thus exempt under Section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Therefore, the CPIO is of the opinion that disclosure of such information is not essential for public interest.

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) The requisite information as sought by the Appellant was provided to the appellant as intimated by CPIO EXAM vide communication dated 20.10.2023.

This Office concurs with submission of respondent.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)  
First Appellate Authority

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