

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.00009/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Harsha Jyoti Dev Sarmah
House no. 37,
Survey, ajanta path, bye lane 1,
Guwahati – 781028
Assam

Appellant

Vs.

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

Respondent

Date of Order: 23rd March 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00009 on 01.03.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with the Response vide letter dated 28.02.2025 against the Central Public Information Officer (EXAM) (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide his RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/25/00403 dated 25.02.2025 has requested the following information:

“NAME OF THE STUDENT: HARSHA JYOTI DEV SARMAH
ICSI REGISTRATION NUMBER: 140698346/09/2022
EXAM ROLL NUMBER: 200469

I NEED THE CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES OF MY ANSWER SHEETS OF CS PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2024 (NEW SYLLABUS 2022):

1. ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) - PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE (PAPER CODE- 531)
2. DRAFTING, PLEADINGS AND APPEARANCES (DPA) (PAPER CODE- 532)
3. COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT, AUDIT AND DUE DILIGENCE (CMADD) (PAPER CODE- 533)
4. CSR AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE (CSRSG) (Open Book Exam) (PAPER CODE- 541)”

- (3) The Appellant has submitted in the instant appeal as follows:

“Dear Sir/Madam, As per the reply provided by the Nodal Officer on the RTI portal, the evaluated copies are available in the public domain in ICSI website. However, after applying, the status is still showing as Under Process. Additionally, I understand that the stipulated timeframe for receiving the certified answer books is from March 11, 2025, to April 10, 2025. Considering the urgency of my requirement, I kindly request you to provide the certified copies at the earliest. Your prompt assistance in expediting the process would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to your positive response.”

(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/25/00403 dated 25.02.2025, was provided to him vide letter dated 28.02.2025 in which the Appellant was informed about weblink and the procedure to fetch the sought information (copy of letter enclosed). An announcement in this regard was also published on the website of the Institute (copy of announcement attached).

Further, it is to inform that sought information was also made available to the Appellant in the “ICSI Examination Answer Books Portal” within the stipulated time frame i.e. 11.03.2025 to 10.04.2025 (copy of screen shot attached).

In the instant Appeal the Appellant has requested to shorten the time period between application date and availability date of the Answer Books. It is to be submitted that the Answer Books of any candidate can be made available only after completing the prescribed/predefined procedure which requires some time to complete, and thus cannot be provided before the stipulated time period.

The contents as above made in the RTI reply stands as it is and are candid.

Therefore, the appeal deserves to be dismissed in-limine.”

(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.

This office concurs with the submissions of the Respondent.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Asit Kumar Rath)
First Appellate Authority

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3. Directorate of IT - For publishing on the website