

**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.)**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Yash Pal Ahuja  
BH-366 (Poorvi),  
Shalimar Bagh,  
Delhi – 110 088

Appellant

Vs.

Central Public Information Officer  
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India  
'ICSI House', 22, Institutional Area, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi – 110003

Respondent

Date of Order: 27th March, 2026

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed First Appeal No. NIL dated 26/02/2026 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 11/02/2026 against the Central Public Information Officer (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide his RTI Application No. NIL dated 14/01/2026 received in the Institute on 16/01/2026 has requested the following information:

“Regarding request for providing original hard copy of BoD Order of ICSI dated 01 Aug 25 – iro Complaint of Professional or Other Misconduct Filed by Shri Yash Pal Ahuja Against Shri Bhupender Verma, ACS-50558, CP 19086 (DC/1098/2024).

1. With reference to above subject, please refer to the BoD Order of ICSI-DC/1098/2025 dated 01 Aug 25 of complaint of Professional or other Misconduct filed by undersigned against Shri Bhupender

Verma, ACS-50558, CP 19086 (DC/1098/2024).

2. I have received a certified copy with signature of Board members of BoD Order dated 01 Aug 25 iro Shri Bhupender Verma, ACS-50558, CP 19086 (DC/1098/2024).
3. It is requested to Provide a Hardcopy with signature of Board members of BoD Order dated 01 Aug 25 iro Shri Bhupender Verma, ACS-50558, CP 19086, (DC/1098/2024) under RTI Act-2005.
4. As mentioned in Para 13 of BoD Order dated 01 Aug 25, it was informed that information related to remarks (ie personal grudges) made by CS (Shri Bhupender Verma) will be provided, In this regard, it is requested to provide the details/concerned documents about remarks to allegation regarding personal grudges made by CS under RTI Act-2005."

- (3) The Appellant has submitted in his instant appeal regarding the reply provided by the Respondent to the RTI queries as under:

"I am filing this First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the incomplete reply provided by the PIO to my RTI application dated 14.01.2025 (Ref. No. ICSOI/R/E/26/00014) regarding the ICSI NIRC Financial Literacy Quiz held on 04 February 2025 (Registration No. 241200070/01/2024). The reply received states only: Matter has been taken up with concerned branch. This response is vague and does not provide pointwise information as required under Section 7(1) of the RTI Act. None of my queries regarding prizes, certificates, approvals, competent authority, present status, timeline, or related communications have been answered. I am seeking only information and certified records under the RTI Act and not enforcement of prize distribution. Despite follow-ups through official email IDs and phone contact, no proper clarification has been provided. I therefore request the Hon'ble First Appellate Authority to direct the PIO to furnish complete, pointwise, and certified information on all queries raised, along with copies of relevant documents, approvals, circulars, communications, and file notings. The responsible

authority and current status with an approved timeline for prize and certificate distribution may also kindly be specified. This matter concerns transparency and accountability in relation to an event for which registration fees were collected. I request disposal of this appeal within the statutory time limit under the RTI Act, 2005."

(4) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

"Since the RTI application pertains to Directorate of Discipline of the ICSI, therefore, the CPIO has asked for written submission from concerned Directorate for the same. Their submission is mentioned below:

Written submission to query numbers 2 and 3: - The Orders are issued to the parties in accordance with the provisions of the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 (the Act) and the Company Secretaries (Procedure of Investigations of Professional and other Misconduct and Conduct of Cases) Rules, 2007 (the Rules).

Certified Copy of the orders is issued to the parties as per the procedure adopted by the Board of Discipline as '- SD-' masking the signature of members who have signed the Order. Name of members who have signed the order is mentioned in the Orders.

In the instant case, a certified copy of the order mentioning the names of the Members who passed the Order as -SD- has already been provided, vide letter dated 1st August, 2025, to the information seeker through speed post.

Further, signature of an individual is a personal information and is exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) the RTI Act, 2005.

Written submission to query number 4: - Reply is reiterated that no such information is available in record.

Therefore, the appeal deserves to be dismissed."

- (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) This office concurs with the submissions of the Respondent in his reply to the instant appeal.
- (7) The appeal is accordingly disposed of.



(Ashvini Kumar Srivastava)  
First Appellate Authority

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