

**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. 00009/2026**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. R Agarwal  
Pandari, Raipur,  
Chhattisgarh – 492001

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. ICSOI/A/E/26/00009 on 02/03/2026 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. ICSOI/R/E/26/00017 dated 20/01/2026 and First Appeal No. ICSOI/A/E/26/00009 on 02/03/2026 has raised difficulties and problems i.e. being faced by a practicing professional Company Secretary as such and sought guidelines with respect to those problems.
- (3) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

"The Applicant in his RTI application dated 20.01.2026 has raised difficulties and problems i.e. being faced by a practicing professional Company Secretary as such and sought guidelines with respect to those problems, therefore, the same

is not an information within the meaning of the information under Section 2(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Further, no such guidelines are maintained by the Institute.

Therefore, the contents made in the RTI Reply stands as it is and the appeal deserves to be dismissed.”

- (4) 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 in his reply to the instant appeal.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Ashvini Kumar Srivastava)  
First Appellate Authority

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