

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. 000020/2026

IN THE MATTER OF:

Arpitkumar Sunil Thacker
24HQ Vardhaman Apartment,
Commerce College Road,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat – 380 009

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: 25th May, 2026

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal No. ICSOI/A/E/26/00020 on 29/04/2026 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 29/04/2026 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/26/01337 dated 09/04/2026 has requested the following information:

"I am also a part of CS Fraternity, I want to know that who is the youngest associate member of the institute. If disclosing name is not possible, I just want to know his age.

The above query exactly means that when you get your membership at CLDP of ICSI, who has the youngest member in the history of ICSI."

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

“First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 I am filing this First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the reply provided by the CPIO in response to my RTI application dated 09.04.2026 (RTI No. RTI2005/7231(26)). The CPIO has replied that no such record is maintained in response to my query regarding the youngest Associate Member of ICSI. With due respect, I submit that while such a record may not be maintained in a compiled format, the underlying data required to determine the same is available with the Institute. ICSI maintains member records which include date of birth and date of admission as Associate Member. The information sought can reasonably be derived from these existing records by applying basic sorting or filtering. The RTI Act does not require creation of new information however, it does permit providing information that can be accessed or extracted from available records. Therefore, the reply stating no such record is maintained does not adequately address the query. I would also like to submit that I obtained my Associate Membership at the age of 21 years 3 months and 4days, which I understand is relatively uncommon. My intention behind seeking this information is to verify this position based on official records, as it holds personal and professional significance for me. I respectfully request the Appellate Authority to: Reconsider the reply provided by the CPIO and Direct that the requested information, or relevant data enabling identification, be provided.”

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

“Since the RTI application pertains to the Directorate of Member Services of the Institute, therefore, the CPIO has asked for written submission from the concerned Directorate for the same. Their submission is mentioned below:-

It is submitted that the basic details of students like Name, Address, DOB etc. are filled by the student while registration for CS Course. However, ICSI does not maintain any particular record of youngest or oldest members.

In terms of RTI Act, creation of information; interpretation of information; or furnishing clarification to the appellant, does not fall under the ambit of the RTI Act. As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, the reasons/opinions/ advices can only be provided to the applicants if it is available on record of the public authority. The CPIO cannot create information in the manner as sought by the applicant. The CPIO is only a communicator of information based on the records held in the office and hence, he cannot expected to do research work to deduce anything from the material therein and then supply it to him.

Therefore, the contents made in the RTI Reply stands as it is and 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.

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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