

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. 000021/2026

IN THE MATTER OF:

Chirag Jain
G-1, Menka-1, 2B Vaibhav Khand,
Indirapuram, Ghaziabad,
Uttar Pradesh – 201 014

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: 22nd May, 2026

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal No. ICSOI/A/E/26/00021 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/26/01342 dated 11/04/2026 has requested the following information:

“Information requested in respect of Narender Kumar Sharma IPA
Membership No IP/N00125

1. Membership details
2. Details of complaints received against him
3. Action taken and disciplinary proceedings initiated
4. Whether any violation of Code of Conduct has been recorded
5. Copies of any orders warnings or penalties issued

6. Whether any complaint related to CIRP of Indirapuram Habitat Centre Private Limited has been received
7. Whether any inquiry or disciplinary action is currently pending”

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

“Grounds of Appeal 1 The CPIO has denied the information stating that it is personal information under Section 8 1 j of the Right to Information Act 2005 The information sought relates to the conduct regulation and disciplinary framework applicable to an Insolvency Professional registered with a statutory regulatory body Such information is part of regulatory oversight and cannot be treated as purely personal information 2 The Insolvency Professional is governed under a statutory framework and Code of Conduct Information regarding complaints disciplinary action and regulatory findings has a direct relationship with public activity and professional regulation 3 The reply does not indicate any consideration of larger public interest Disclosure of information relating to complaints and disciplinary proceedings of a regulated professional serves public interest and promotes transparency and accountability 4 The CPIO has denied the entire information without examining whether partial information such as number of complaints status of proceedings or non confidential portions can be disclosed This is contrary to the principle of severability 5 The reply is not a speaking order as it does not provide reasons as to how each category of information sought is exempt Prayer It is respectfully requested that 1 The reply of the CPIO may be set aside 2 The CPIO may be directed to provide information regarding complaints action taken and disciplinary status in respect of the Insolvency Professional 3 Alternatively the CPIO may be directed to provide non exempt information after severing exempt portions as per law 4 Any other order deemed appropriate may be passed.”

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

“Since the RTI application pertains to the ICSI Institute of Insolvency

Professionals, therefore, the CPIO has asked for written submission from the concerned for the same. Their submission is mentioned below:-

It is reiterated that the information sought is personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest. Hence exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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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