

OFFICE OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY
(Designated 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. 00024/2026

IN THE MATTER OF:

Vinit Pandey
Vasai, Maharashtra

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: 6th June, 2026

ORDER

(1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal No. ICSOI/A/E/26/00024 on 09/05/2026 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/26/01335 dated 09/04/2026 has requested the following information:

"Kindly provide the name of Member having membership number A18593 with ICSI as the ICSI Membership portal is not showing any record of such member."

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

"I am writing to bring to your urgent attention a serious discrepancy that I have discovered regarding ICSI Membership Number A18593, which appears to involve either an error in the ICSI database or a potential case of fraud. 1. RTI REPLY RECEIVED I had filed this RTI application bearing RTI Number ICSOI/R/E/26/01335, requesting the name of the member holding Membership Number A18593. As per

the RTI reply received, the name on record against Membership Number A18593 is: Name as per ICSI Records: Mr. Karthik Ramakrishnan Membership Number: A18593

2. DISCREPANCY FOUND IN MCA/COMPANYRECORDS However, the following Company has been disclosing a different person against the very same Membership Number A18593 in its official records: Company Name: JEWELX INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED CIN:U36910MH2004PTC148938 Name disclosed: Mr. Ajit Shinde Membership Number disclosed: A18593 Date of appointment as Company Secretary: 1st August 2015 This appointment was made through the filing of MCA FormDIR-12, which was duly accepted by the MCA portal. Furthermore, this Membership Number has been mentioned in the Financial Statements of the above company for a continuous period of approximately 9 years.

3. ISSUE The discrepancy raises the following serious concerns: a) Two different individuals Mr. Karthik Ramakrishnan (as per ICSI records) and Mr. Ajit Shinde (as per company/MCA records) appear to be linked to the same Membership Number A18593. b) If the ICSI database is correct, then Mr. Ajit Shinde cannot legitimately hold Membership Number A18593, making the disclosures in the companys financial statements and the MCA Form DIR-12 filing potentially fraudulent or erroneous. c) If the company records are correct, then the ICSI database has an error that needs to be rectified immediately. d) This issue has gone undetected for nearly 9 years, which raises questions about the verification mechanisms in place.

4. REQUEST In light of the above, I respectfully request ICSI to: i. Investigate this matter on priority and verify the correct holder of Membership Number A18593. ii. Coordinate with MCA, if required, to verify the DIR-12 filings made in respect of appointment of Mr. Ajit Shinde as CS in JewelxIndia Private Limited. iii. Take appropriate action against the responsible party if any misrepresentation or fraud is detected. iv. Inform the undersigned of the outcome of this investigation. This matter is of significant public interest as it relates to the integrity of the ICSI membership database and the authenticity of professional certifications relied upon by stakeholders. I look forward to your prompt response."

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

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

The appellant in his appeal is not mentioning that he is not satisfied with the information provided to him by the ICSI Further, he is not alleging that information was not provided to him by the ICSI under any of the provisions of Section 8 of RTI Act, 2005.

Hence, we have no comments to offer, and we stand by our earlier reply.”

- (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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