

**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. 00027/2026**

IN THE MATTER OF:

A Kumar Singh  
Hiland Greens Phase -1,  
Tower 24 Flat Number 7A5, Batanagar,  
Maheshtala – 700 140, West Bengal

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/26/00027 on 10/05/2026 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 06/05/2026 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/26/01343 dated 11/04/2026 has requested the following information:

“Kindly provide the following information related to the company secretary namely Tulika Gaharwar (CS Membership Number A45187) :

1. Total Number of court cases pending against the said member
2. Total Number of FIR registered against the said member
3. Total Number of complaint received against the said member”

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

"The denial is improper because I am seeking access to information that should exist in the records of the public authority. Under Sections 2(f) and 2(j) of the RTI Act, I am entitled to obtain existing records, certified copies, or inspect relevant files/records. Even if the information is not maintained in the compiled format requested, the PIO is obligated to provide the available records or permit inspection of the relevant documents from which the information can be accessed. I request that the PIO be directed to: Provide copies of the relevant existing records/documents or Provide certified copies of the register/file/notings relating to these information. Also. Provide copies of documents showing information related to these things. Provide file movement register entries regarding these things."

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

"Written submission to query numbers 1 to 3: - "Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 06.05.2026."

"The requisite information is not maintained in the form/manner as desired and therefore, exempted under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005."

Further, it is to inform that the "the public authority under the RTI Act, 2005 is not to create or collate information; or to interpret information. Therefore, the information which is readily available in the format/content can only be provided to the appellant and not as per the choice of the information seeker. The reply(ies) to the query(ies) cannot be created and designed in the manner and wish of the appellant.

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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