

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.00029/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Dinesh Vats
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Delhi – 110052
North Delhi

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: 3rd June 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00029 on 07.05.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 25.04.2025 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/25/01897 dated 28/03/2025 has requested the following information:

“Kindly provide the following information along with duly authenticated and certified documents in support of each and every information requested to be provided to the undersigned information seeker:

1. The total number of qualified Company Secretaries got the membership of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
2. The information for the total number of Associate Company Secretaries (ACS) got the membership of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
3. The information for the total number of Fellow Company Secretaries (FCS) got the membership of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
4. The information for the total number of Practising Company Secretaries holding the Certificate of practice (COP) issue by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India

- (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
5. The information for the total number and percentage of Female Company Secretaries got the membership of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
 6. The information for the number and percentage of Female Associate Company Secretaries (ACS) and Female Fellow Company Secretaries (FCS) got the membership of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
 7. The information for the number and percentage of Female Company Secretaries holding the Certificate of Practice (COP) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as on 28.03.2025.
 8. The information for the name and tenure of all the Female President(s) appointed/elected in the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) since its incorporation.
 9. The information for the name and tenure of all the Female Chairperson(s) appointed/elected in all the four Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) since its incorporation.
 10. The information for the name and tenure of the Female Secretary appointed/elected/selected in the Institute of Company Secretaries (ICSI) since its incorporation.
 11. The information and reason for electing the President of the Institute of Company Secretaries from Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) and Western India Regional Council (WIRC) for more than once in a four-year term of council.
 12. The information and reasons for not giving equal and fair opportunity of representation to the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) and Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC) in the appointment/election/selection of President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) elected in the council election of 2018 and 2022.
 13. The information for the criteria including eligibility, competence and other merits of the elected members from Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) and Western India Regional Council (WIRC) for appointing/Electing/Selecting as the President for more than one term of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in the council elected in 2018 and 2022.
 14. The detailed reasons for non-appointment of the following Female Company Secretaries as Chairman of Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries (ICSI):-
 - a. CS Ashu Gupta (Female Company Secretary) as Chairman NIRC of ICSI during 2010-2014.
 - b. CS Monika Kohli (Female Company Secretary) as Chairman NIRC of ICSI during 2014-2018 and 2018-2022.
 - c. CS Preeti Grover (Female Company Secretary) as Chairman NIRC of ICSI for the year 2025.
 15. The information and details for the ineligibility, incompetence and other demerits of the elected Female Company Secretaries for not appointing as Chairman of the Northern Indian Regional Council (NIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) during 2010-2025.
 16. The information for the gender-based discrimination on the appointment of President/ Vice President/ Secretary/ Chairman in the Council including Regional Council(s) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
 17. The information related to not given the equal and fair representation to the Female Company Secretaries in the Council, Regional Council(s) of the Institute of Company

Secretaries of India (ICSI).

18. Please provide a suitable date and time to inspect the records related to the information requested in all the points above."

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

"Request to accept the appeal against the reply incomplete, misleading and false information provided by PIO in reply to the RTI vide registration no ICSOI/R/E/25/01897 and to provide an opportunity for hearing to the appellant."

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

"Written submission to query numbers 1 to 10: - the CPIO has already provided available information to the Appellant.

Written submission to query number 11 and 17: - Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 25.04.2025.

"This is not an information, therefore, exempted under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005."

Written submission to query number 18: - "It is informed that requisite information is documented at various offices of the ICSI across nationwide."

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/-

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First Appellate Authority

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