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.00031/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Suneeth Bhat Success Edge Academy of Commerce, No.44, KR Road, Tata Silk farm, Next to garadi appartments, Basava, Bengaluru Pin:560004 Appellant

Vs.

Central Public Information Officer (EXAM) The Institute of Company Secretaries of India C-37, Sector 62, NOIDA- 201309 Respondent

Date of Order: 7th June 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00031 on 12.05.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with the Response vide letter dated 08.04.2025 against the Central Public Information Officer (EXAM) (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/25/01943 dated 07.04.2025 has requested the following information:

"This is to seek the copies of answer sheets of CS Executive Examination held in December 2024. mentioning the details here below:

Registration No: 340819284/02/2021

Roll No: 315985Syllabus 2017

MODULE I (One) Required Subjects:

- 1. JURISPRUDENCE, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL LAWS(JIGL) (CODE:421)
- 2. COMPANY LAW (CL) (CODE:422)
- 3. SETTING UP OF BUSINESS ENTITIES AND CLOSURE (SBEC)(CODE:423)
- 4. TAX LAWS (TL) (OMR BASED) 424"
- (3) The Appellant has submitted in the instant appeal as follows:

"I have received no response from the public authority."

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

"It is submitted that the requisite information as sought by the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) in his RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/25/01943 dated 07.04.2025 was provided to the Appellant vide letter dated 08/04/2025, in which the Appellant was informed about weblink and the procedure to access the Answer Books through "ICSI Examination Answer Books Portal" (Copy of letter enclosed).

Further, it has been observed that the Appellant did not apply at the said portal and thus the Answer Books were not provided to him.

Furthermore, the Answer Books have been disposed off now as per the Record Retention Schedule and are not available with the Institute.

It is also to submit that the Appellant has filed the Appeal on 12.05.2025 in response to the information supplied to him on 08.04.2025 against his RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/25/01943 dated 07.04.2025 beyond the time limit as specified under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The contents as above made in the RTI reply stands as it is and are candid.

Therefore, the appeal deserves to be dismissed *in-limine*."

(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.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-(Asit Kumar Rath) First Appellate Authority

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- 3. Directorate of IT For publishing on the website