

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.00036/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Sharad Kumar Jhunjhunwala
A-11, ASHOK VIHAR
Ranchi – 834002
Jharkhand

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: 2nd July 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00036 on 06.06.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 06.06.2025 against the Central Public Information Officer (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/25/02040 dated 09/05/2025 has requested the following information:

“date on which two casual vacancies in the managing committee of ranchi chapter arose

Date on which the notice inviting nominations for casual vacancies dated 27 feb 2025 was uploaded on website of ICSI

Date on which the notice inviting nominations for casual vacancies dated 27 feb 2025 was sent to members via email

Date on which the notice inviting nominations for casual vacancies dated 27 feb 2025 was published in newspapers

Date on which the notice inviting nominations for casual vacancies dated 27 feb 2025 was sent to members by whatsapp and SMS

All other modes along with dates by which notice inviting nominations for casual vacancies

dated 27 feb2025 was circulated amongst members

Date on which the above vacancies were filled and name of members who filled the above vacancies.

Name of all members who submitted nominations in response to aforesaid notice inviting nominations for casual vacancies dated 27 feb 2025."

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

"In response to point number 8 the information sought has been rejected claiming exemption under section 8(1)(e), however no explanation has been provided as to how the information sought is exempt under the afore said section. Further in response to point number 4, 5 and 6 information has been refused stating that process was initiated as per ICSI chapter guidelines. In reference to point number 1 and 7 information has been refused stating query is not clear and specific when the query is self-explanatory and absolutely clear and specific. in view of above the appeal may be allowed and information sought may be provided."

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

""Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 06.06.2025."

Written submission to query numbers 1 to 7: - "Queries are not clear and specific."

Written submission to query numbers 2 and 3: - "CPIO has already provided the available information."

Written submission to query numbers 4 to 6: - "Process has been initiated as per the ICSI Chapter Management Guidelines, 2024."

Written submission to query number 8: - "The information sought is exempted u/s 8(1)(e) 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/-

(Asit Kumar Rath)
First Appellate Authority

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