

**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.00037/2025**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Kiran Kumar Reddy  
-14, Indukuripalli (V) Chekatamanipalli (P),  
Tanakallu(M) Anantapur (D) – 515 571  
Andhra Pradesh

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: 03<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00037 on 12.06.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 15.05.2025 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/25/02000 dated 22/04/2025 has requested the following information:

“Subject: Request for Information Under the Right to Information Act 2005 Regarding Name Lending Company Secretaries

Dear Sir/Madam

I Kiran Kumar Reddy hereby request the following information under the provisions of the Right to Information Act 2005.

Particulars of Information Sought

1. Is the practice of name lending by Company Secretaries recognized or permitted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
2. Are there any regulations or guidelines issued by ICSI the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) or any other relevant authority regarding the practice of name lending by Company Secretaries
3. Has the Ministry of Corporate Affairs or the ICSI ever taken any action against

Company Secretaries or firms involved in name lending practices If so please provide details of such actions taken including the number of cases nature of actions and any penalties imposed

4. What measures if any are being implemented to prevent the practice of name lending among Company Secretaries or firms registered under ICSI

Can you provide any reports circulars or official documents related to investigations actions or regulations concerning name lending practices in the field of Company Secretaries

The above information should be provided as per the provisions of the RTI Act 2005

**Additional Information**

Applicant s Name: Kiran Kumar Reddy

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Mode of receiving information: Email and Postal

I have paid the prescribed fee of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) as required under the RTI Act Please inform me if additional charges apply for providing this information

I request you to provide the information as per the RTI Act 2005 within the prescribed time frame

Thank you for your cooperation

Yours sincerely

Kiran Kumar Reddy”

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

“Subject: First Appeal under RTI Act Incomplete/Misleading Response Regarding Name Lending by Company Secretaries

1. The RTI reply failed to clearly answer whether ICSI permits Company Secretaries to allow use of their name, DSC, or membership number without direct involvement.
2. It did not provide relevant rules or guidelines issued by ICSI or MCA on this unethical practice.
3. It also avoided giving case details or disciplinary actions taken against such misconduct.
4. No proper explanation was given about preventive mechanisms by ICSI or MCA.
5. I request a clear, pointwise response to each question as per the RTI Act, treating this as a formal First Appeal.”

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

“The written submission of the Respondent is as under:-

Written submission to query numbers 1 to 4: - "Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 15.05.2025."

The Public Authority under the RTI Act, 2005 is not supposed to create information or to interpret information or to solve the problems raised by the applicants.

Further, in the RTI Appeal dated 12.06.2025, the appellant has revised the queries and accordingly the same cannot be added to the queries of the RTI Application dated 22.04.2025 at the 1st appeal stage.

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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