

**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.00044/2025**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Dinesh Vats  
202 Nidhi Plaza-1  
LSC Gulabi Bagh  
North Delhi  
Delhi – 110052

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: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00044 on 24.06.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 23.06.2025 against the Central Public Information Officer (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide his RTI Application No. ICSOI/R/E/25/02068 dated 29/05/2025 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 information seeker:

1. Please provide the information for the total number(s) and name(s) of committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President, and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the period 2010 to 2025.
2. Please provide the information for the name, qualification, experience, membership number and occupation of the head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) of the each committee(s) including task force committee /subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and

Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.

3. Please provide the information for the name, qualification, experience, membership number and occupation of the member(s) of the each committee(s) including task force committee /subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed or established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
4. Please provide the information for the process and selection of the head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and member(s) of the each committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
5. Please provide the information for the minutes of the meetings, copy of newspaper advertisement, copy of publication of vacancy on website, proof of circulation of emails, for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and member(s) of the each committee(s) including task force committee /subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
6. Please provide the information for the written examination and/or interview conducted for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and /or member(s) of the each committee(s) including task force committee /subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
7. Please provide the information for name, qualification, designation, occupation and independent status of the interviewers panel to appoint the head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the each committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
8. Please provide the total number and names of the candidates applied for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the committee(s)/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
9. Please provide the information for the name, score and merit of the candidates appeared in the written examination conducted for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the each

committee(s)/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.

10. Please provide the information for the numbers and names of the candidates called for the interview for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the each committee(s)/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
11. Please provide the schedule of interview organized by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the each committee(s)/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
12. Please provide the information for the score given by each interviewer panelists and merit of the candidates called for interview for the position of head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the each committee(s)/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
13. Please provide the information for the valid reasons, merits, achievements, cases including decided and/or pending cases at any level for the economical, moral and ethical turpitude against the candidates, etc. of the candidates/ members appointed by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as head(s) or chairman(s) or in charge(s) and/or member(s) of the committee(s)/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the year 2010 to 2025.
14. The information for the periodical budget of committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President, and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the period 2010 to 2025.
15. The information for the expenditure made and objectives achieved by the committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President, and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the period 2010 to 2025.
16. The information for the achievements and/or benefits provided to the members,

students and/or stakeholders by the committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President, and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the period 2010 to 2025.

17. The information for the names, year of election and the position contested in the elections by the chairman(s), or in charge and/or member(s) of the committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President, and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the period 2010 to 2025.
18. The information for the names of Chairman(s), in charge and/or member(s) committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) proposed to be contested in the upcoming elections of the ICSI.
19. The information and complete details of the indemnity and/ or undertaking taken from the Chairman(s). in charge and/or member(s) of committee(s) including task force committee/subcommittee(s)/body(s)/unit(s) developed and established by the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), each year and under the tenure of each President, and Regional Councils of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) each year and under the tenure of each Chairman during the period 2010 to 2025 for not to contest the election by using or misusing the resources and committee position at the institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
20. Please provide the certified copies of the all information requested above in point 1 to 19 above. Also 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:

"Please accept the application for the submission of First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority. Please provide an opportunity to appear before the authority for my pleadings."

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

""Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 23.06.2025."

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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