

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.00045/2025

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: 31st July 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00045 on 05.07.2025 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/25/02064 dated 27/05/2025 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 undersigned information seeker:

1. The information for the reasons and provisions to hide the email id, mobile number and other contact details of the members from the website of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
2. The information for the agenda of the meeting, date of the meeting, minutes of the meeting, details of voting to hide the email id, mobile number and other contact details of the members from the website of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
3. The information for the name and category of exempted members eligible to collect and gather the information including the email id, mobile number and other contact details of the members of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
4. The information for the name and designation of the council members including

Central Council Members, Regional Council Members, Chapter Committee members and the proposed candidates in the upcoming elections of ICSI eligible to collect and gather the information including the email id, mobile number and other contact details of the members of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).

5. The information for the name, designation and authority of the official source provided the email id, mobile number and other contact details of the members of ICSI including the date of providing said contact information to the Central Council Members, Regional Council Members, Chapter committee members and proposed candidates in the upcoming elections of the institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
6. The information, eligibility, official status and name of the authority granted permission to the Central Council Members, Regional Council Members, Chapter Committee members and proposed candidates for the upcoming elections of ICSI to collect and gather the contact information of the members and students of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and formation of Whatsapp group for their campaigning to secure the votes in the upcoming elections of ICSI.
7. The information and legal status of the act and conduct of the Central Council members, regional council members, Chapter committee members, proposed candidates for the upcoming elections of ICSI to participate in the EDP/PDP/CLDP and other events of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and collect the contact details of the members and students as mentioned in point 6 above for their campaigning to secure the votes in the upcoming elections of ICSI.
8. The information for the fine, penalties and prosecution imposed by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) on to the members including Central Council members, regional council members, chapter committee members and proposed candidates for the upcoming elections of ICSI to illegally collect the contact information of the members in violation of any law or regulations issued by the ICSI, if any.
9. Please provide the certified copies of the information requested above in point number 1 to above.
10. Please provide a suitable date and time to carry out inspection of documents in relation to the information requested in point number 1 to 8 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 submission of First Appeal against the order of PIO."

- (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/-

(Asit Kumar Rath)
First Appellate Authority

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