

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.00048/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Sneh Deep
C202, Orchid Enclave,
Seegehalli, Bangalore,
Pin:560067

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: 9th August 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00048 on 13.07.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 04.07.2025 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/25/02083 dated 08/06/2025 has requested the following information:

“Respected Sir,

I am looking for the level of CS (company secretary) examination that my legally wed wife has last cleared.

Here is what I require:

(a) Last level of Exam cleared

(b) Date when exam cleared

(c) Organization where she is pursuing Articleship (if Executive/Professional level passed) and stipend earned

(d) Has she registered for any upcoming exam

(e) Her highest level of academic qualification (Graduate/Post-graduate, etc.)

(e) Any supporting documents with regard to any of the above

I ask this because she has filed a false maintenance case on me after deserting me, asking for a huge sum of money per month in a court of law. For a fair trial and determination of maintenance order, an assessment of her education, income and ability to maintain herself

is required to be known by me. She has also mentioned in her maintenance petition that she is pursuing CS Inter, which I wish to verify for a fair trial (false information to a court of law is a punishable offence and can corroborate my evidences against her). The court case details are as follows:

1. Barasat District Court, North 24 Parganas - Misc case 49/2025 under Sec 24 of HMA (filed on 27/02/2025)
2. Court of CJM Barasat, North 24 Parganas – Mr Maintenance case 79/2025 under Sec 144 of BNSS (filed on 10/02/2025)

Details of my wife are as follows:

Name: Sewa Dokania

Aadhar Card No: 758121912199

PAN: CIKPD0857J

DoB: 26/06/1996

Address: S.D. TOWER SHREEMATI APT., AA 101 PRAFULLA KANANWEST, KESTOPUR, DIST- 24 PARGANAS(N), PO-PRAFULLAKANAN, PS- BAGUIATI, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, PIN- 700101

Date of Reg of Marriage: 21/06/2022

In case you require any further information, please let me know. The proof of our marriage in the form of the marriage certificate has been attached herewith. I look forward to a positive response from you, as this is of grave importance to me.

Regards,

Dr. Sneh Deep, PhD ”

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

“First Appeal: Respected Sir/Madam, I am filing this First Appeal to the response of the CPIO of ICSI, dated 04/07/2025 in response to the RTI application filed by me on 08/06/2025. The CPIO declined to provide information sought regarding the CS level examination of my legally wed wife, citing exemption under the provision of section 8 (1) (j) of RTI act 2005. However, I decline to accept this response because despite the required information being personal in nature, it is not merely being sought for my personal interest. As clearly mentioned in my original application, this information is crucial for the fair and just resolution of a maintenance case filed on me. For a fair trial and determination of maintenance order, an assessment of her education, income and ability to maintain herself is required to be known by me. Thus it is relevant to the case and not an unwarranted invasion of privacy. I believe that the potential public interest in disclosure here outweighs the privacy concerns of the individual. Providing such information in maintenance proceedings can prove to be a landmark one and will go a long way in fairly concluding new maintenance cases against individuals in the society, thus being in the larger public interest. With that said, I look forward to a favorable response from you, with everything I asked for kindly provided.

Regards,

Dr Sneh Deep”

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

““Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 04.07.2025.”

Since the information as sought by applicant (appellant herein) is relating to the third party, therefore, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the information pertaining to third party was declined and exempted under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005

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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