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.00049/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Indukuri Kiran Kumar Reddy 2-14, Indukuripalli (V) Chekatamanipalli (P), Tanakallu(M) Anantapur (D) – 515 571 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: 19th August 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00049 on 22.07.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 17.07.2025 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/25/02097 dated 18/06/2025 has requested the following information:

"Respected Sir/Madam,

I, Indukuri Kiran Kumar Reddy, hereby seek information under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act 2005 regarding Government Nominees appointed by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ICSI as mentioned below:

Mr Balamurugan D Mr Inder Deep Singh Dariwal Mr Manish Goswami Mr Sanjay Shorey Mr Ashok Kumar Mishra

Information Requested:

1. Appointment Details
Please provide copy of Government Order Notification or Office Memorandum under
which each of the above persons was appointed as Government Nominee to the ICSI

Council.

2. Official Contact Details

Please provide official Email ID, Phone Number landline or mobile, and Fax Number for each nominee.

3. Remuneration and Benefits

Are these nominees receiving any salary, honorarium, sitting fees, allowances or other benefits from ICSI or Government? If yes, please provide:

Nature of payment Amount or structure of remuneration Source of payment

4. Roles Responsibilities and Functions

Please provide notifications or rulebooks describing duties functions powers responsibilities of these Government Nominees. Also mention whether they are part of any committees' boards or have any decision making or oversight roles in ICSI.

5. Educational Qualifications

Please provide educational and professional qualifications of the above Government Nominees. If available mention their current post or designation in Government department or Ministry.

Applicant Details:

Name: Indukuri Kiran Kumar Reddy

Address: Indukuripalli V Chekatamanipalli P Tanakallu M Anantapur D - 515571

Contact Number: 91-9490542426 Email: <u>indukurikiran999@gmail.com</u>

I have paid the prescribed fee of Rs 10. Please inform me in advance if additional fees apply. I request that the information be sent via email and post as mentioned above within the period prescribed under the RTI Act.

Thank you Yours sincerely, Indukuri 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:

"Respected Sir/Madam,

I, **Indukuri Kiran Kumar Reddy**, hereby submit this **First Appeal** under **Section 19(1)** of the RTI Act, 2005 against the unsatisfactory and incomplete reply provided by the Public Information Officer (PIO) to my RTI application dated **18/06/2025**.

Grounds for Appeal:

Appointment Details - Wrongly claimed as exempt under Section 8(1)(e)
 The PIO has refused to provide copies of Government Orders, Notifications, or Office
 Memorandums regarding the appointment of the following Government Nominees,

citing Section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act.

However, this exemption is **misapplied**. These appointments are made **in an official**, **public capacity**, not under a fiduciary relationship. Government Notifications and Appointment Orders are **public documents** and must be disclosed under the RTI Act.

2. Official Contact Details - Information not found on ICSI website

The reply states that official contact details are available but details like email ids, Fax Numbers, Phone Numbers are not available on the ICSI website. Kindly provide the information directly.

3. Remuneration and Benefits - Vague and incomplete reply

The response only states that they are eligible for "government approved allowance" without specifying:

- Type or nature of such allowances
- Source of payment (whether from Government or ICSI budget)
- Whether any sitting fees, TA/DA, or other financial benefits are disbursed

This is **vague and insufficient** under Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, which requires "clear and complete" information.

4. Roles, Responsibilities, and Committee Memberships – Redirected to website without detail

The reply refers me to the ICSI website (www.icsi.edu), but no such documents regarding the **duties**, **functions**, **or committee roles** of Government Nominees are available there. Kindly provide:

- Any circulars or internal rules describing their functions
- Whether any of the named individuals are part of committees or sub-committees
- Their specific responsibilities as per ICSI's internal governance

5. Educational Qualifications - Wrongly denied

The response says this information is "not maintained." However, educational qualifications and current designations of Council Members and Government Nominees are relevant **public information** and should be **available at the time of appointment**. I request you to re-verify from available records or seek it from the concerned Ministry/Department if needed under Section 5(4) of the RTI Act.

Prayer/Relief Sought:

- 1. Kindly direct the PIO to **re-examine the request** and provide complete, point-wise information as per the original RTI application.
- 2. Take necessary action under Section 19(1) and issue directions for compliance within the prescribed time.

Appellant Details:

Name: Indukuri Kiran Kumar Reddy

Address: Indukuripalli (V), Chekatamanipalli (P), Tanakallu (M), Anantapur (D), 515571

Phone: +91-9490542426

Email: indukurikiran999@gmail.com"

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

""Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 17.07.2025."

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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