

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.00055/2025

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: 18th September 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00055 on 25.08.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 06.08.2025 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/T/25/00028 dated 08/07/2025 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 total name and number of the committee(s), boards, etc. formed by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at its Central Council and Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) level every year since 2010 to 2025 for, in the manner and format as maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for the following:
 - a. Women empowerment
 - b. Members grievances
 - c. Leadership summit and programs
 - d. Event management committee for international, domestic trips and monthly events.
 - e. Expenses and budget committee

2. The information for the date of creation of various committee(s), boards, etc. as mentioned in point number 1, every year since 2010 to 2025 by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at its Central Council level and Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) level, in the manner and format as maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
3. The information for the name(s) of the chairman and members of various committee(s), boards etc., as mentioned in point no 1 above formed by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at its Central Council level and Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) level every year since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
4. The information for the merit(s) and reasons of not forming the committees, boards, etc. as mentioned in point no 1 above, if any, in the year 2025 by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India at its Central Council level and Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) level, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
5. The information and details for the expenses made by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at its Central Council level and Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) level on the leadership summit of the elected leaders of ICSI every year since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
6. The information and details for the frequency of leadership summit, tenure of leadership summit and venue of leadership summit organized by the institute of Company Secretaries of India either by ICSI, Regional council and/or any chapter every year since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
7. The information for the agenda and curriculum of the leadership summit organized by the institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) either by ICSI or Regional Council and/or any chapter every year since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
8. The information for the charges and fees including leadership summit fees, accommodation charges and travelling charges paid by the participants and leaders of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), its Regional council's and/or chapter every year since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
9. The information and details of total expenditure on each and every leadership summit with bifurcation of the expenses paid by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), its regional council's and/or chapters since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
10. The information for the profit and/or loss, i.e, the total receipts and total expenditure on each and every leadership summit with bifurcation organized by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), its regional council's and/or its chapters since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format as maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
11. The information for the meeting in which the resolution for organizing the leadership summit was approved. Also provide the agenda, and minutes of the said meeting since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
12. The information for the members in favour of the resolution of organizing the leadership summit of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), its regional councils and/or chapters, since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).

13. The information for the members against the resolution of organizing the leadership summit of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), its regional councils, and/or chapter since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
14. The information and details vested interest and conflict of interest, if any, of any member of the Central council, regional council and/or chapter management committee and/or any employee of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in organizing the leadership summit since 2010 to 2025, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
15. Please provide the certified copies of the all the information requested above in point number 1 to 14 above, in the manner and format maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). Also provide a suitable date and time to carry out the inspection of the documents for the information requested in point number 1 to 14 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 under the Right to Information Act, 2005."

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

"Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 06.08.2025."

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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