

**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.00066/2025**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. PARAG CHANDULAL MEHTA  
15/201 Tamil Sangam Road, Namdev Koli Marg Sion,  
Tamil Sangham Marg  
Mumbai – 400022  
Maharashtra

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00066 on 16.09.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 16.09.2025 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/25/00030 dated 21/08/2025 has requested the following information:

“Respected Sir/ Mam

Kindly provide action taken report on fraudulent closure by ICSI-IIP of my complaint against fraudulent liquidator and misconduct of Sh. Poonam Chand Jain playing with security and sovereignty of the country working against the enemy property act with false declarations to avoid approval from home ministry, additionally claiming applicable laws as per NCLAT orders too not applicable and accepted by such disciplinary committee undermining application of laws itself. This closure is against principles of natural justice where no hearing was accorded, nor documentary evidence submitted by Sh. Jain was forwarded to rebut its authenticity indicating closure is on mere words without supporting documents indicating absolute and clear bias. Also action taken report on IBBI who got the complaint registered with ICSI-IIP devoid of the documentary evidence provided to them since May 2024 in June 2025 that too after 3 RTIs, 1 of which was answered after 2 months of raising same indicating bias towards the official and the delta group of companies. The complaint registered with ICSI-IIP devoid of documentary

evidence provided is confirmed from the fact that the coordinator Kum/Smt Nitika asked me for documents through email which I had also resent indicating they too were never keen on adjudicating the matter. Attached supporting documents are communications with the ICSI-IIP officials which were simultaneously addressed to your learned self which indicate all my statements.”

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

“Respected Sir/Mam.

The reply from liquidator contains false statements without documentary evidence to prove them right. and complaint was filed by IBBI. proofs of the false statements were with the ICSI-IIP committee prior to order hence the order is passed overlooking the documentary evidence in violation of principles of natural justice where i was not called upon for any hearing to prove deliberate overlooking of evidence by the disciplinary committee indicating abuse of office by such committee. Hence in view of principles of natural justice not followed and deliberate overlooking of documentary evidence while simply accepting falsehoods of the liquidator vitiates the order and it was abuse of process by the disciplinary committee. hence request to strike down the order and call for hearing via video conferencing to provide documentary evidence how the ICSI-IIP committee by passing such order has allowed irregularities and undermined national security in the same. The order does not contain clarifications on relevant points raised by the complainant and the questionnaire sent to the liquidator was drafted by own committee and no answer to a 53-page document as per statutory laws could be found in reply accepted by disciplinary committee indicating a vitiated order. Reiterate strike down a vitiated order against principles of natural justice and call for adjudication via video conferencing to prove falsehoods of the liquidator.”

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

““Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 16.09.2025.”

“It is emphasized that the RTI Act is intended to provide access to information that is held by or under the control of public authorities and is permissible under the law. However, the Appellant’s queries appear to be vague, broad, or unrelated to specific, identifiable information as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act. Therefore, it is submitted that the information sought does not fall within the framework or intent of the RTI Act.

The RTI application include interrogatory questions and argumentative demands that require interpretation rather than existing information, which is beyond the scope of the RTI Act. Therefore, the appeal is liable to be dismissed.

Further, if the Appellant is not satisfied with the order, he may approach to the appropriate authority through the applicable provisions.””

- (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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