

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.00067/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Atharva Deodhar
A/01, Alankar Society,
Opposite Sarvesh Hall,
Dombivli East.
Dombivli – 421201
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: 20th October 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00067 on 24.09.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 19.08.2025 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/25/02309 dated 27/07/2025 has requested the following information:
 - “1. What is the salary of current President of ICSI?
 2. What is the budget of ICSI for one financial year including all Regional Chapters?
 3. Please provide the financial statements of ICSI including the Balance Sheet for the previous financial year (2024-2025)
 4. How many students pass in one attempt (December and June) in the CS Professional Examinations?
 5. Can you please specify why the ICSI increases fees (it may be CSEET, CS Executive or CS Professional)”
- (3) The Appellant has submitted in his instant appeal regarding the reply provided by the Respondent to the RTI queries as under:

“Please provide us with the complete and entire information which you failed to provide

and give us the entire and whole information which was desired and expected from you. Please give the details of the financial statements and the balance sheet of ICSI for the financial year ended 2024-25 and also grant us the entire information regarding ICSI president's remuneration details. I think that the nature of information is not of obtaining secret and personal or private information or not information mentioned u/s 8 and 9 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Hence hoping a positive and better response within earliest time from your side.
Thanking you"

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

""Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 19.08.2025."

Written submission to query nos. 1, 2, 4 ad 5: - "Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 19.08.2025."

Written submission to query no. 3: - "The requisite information is available in the website of the ICSI i.e. www.icsi.edu".

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.

Furthermore, it may be noted that the reply against the RTI application was sent on 19.08.2025 and the 1st appeal dated 24.09.2025 received in the Institute on 24.09.2025, therefore, without going into the merit of the appeal, it is observed that the appellant has preferred this 1st appeal after the prescribed period for preferring an appeal (i.e. within 30 days from receipt of reply of RTI application) under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. Request Disposed Off Letter is attached herewith for ready reference (**Annexure - A**).

Therefore, 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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