

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.00071/2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

vjat897@gmail.com Appellant
A2-901 Raj Palace
Near Radhey Shyam, English School
Surat-395002, Pin:395010

Vs.

Central Public Information Officer Respondent
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India
'ICSI House', 22, Institutional Area, Lodi Road,
New Delhi – 110003

Date of Order: 19th December 2025

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/25/00071 on 25.11.2025 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 04.11.2025 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/25/03309 dated 08/10/2025 has requested the following information:
 1. Medium of Study Material & Examination:
As per the government rules, candidates appearing for the Company Secretary (CS) exams are allowed to choose the medium of examination in Hindi. However, I have received study material only in English, and I would like to know:
 - a. Why is study material provided only in English, despite the option to appear for the examination in Hindi?
 - b. How can candidates who opt for the Hindi medium effectively understand and use the study material provided in English for their exam preparation?
 - c. What steps are being taken to ensure that students opting for Hindi medium are not at a disadvantage in terms of understanding the study material, particularly regarding key terms, quotations, and answers?
 2. Hindi Medium Question Papers: It has been observed that in some instances, question papers are provided only in English. I would like to request information on the following:

- a. What is the reason behind providing the question paper only in English for candidates who have opted for the Hindi medium?
 - b. What steps does ICSI take to ensure that candidates opting for Hindi medium receive question papers in their preferred language?
3. Charges for Study Material: ICSI charges a fee for study material provided to students. Given the issues related to the non-availability of Hindi medium study books, I would like to understand:
 - a. Why does ICSI continue to charge for study material in Hindi medium books are not provided?
 - b. Are there any plans to provide study materials in Hindi the near future, and if so, when?

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

“First appeal for the RTI ICSOI/R/E/25/03309.”

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

“The written submission of the Respondent is as under:-

Since the information as sought by applicant (appellant herein) is interrogative in nature and seeking clarification/opinion, therefore, not covered U/s 2(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

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, CPIO has provided its reply dated 04.11.2025 in response to the RTI Application dated 08.10.2025. In the RTI Appeal dated 25.11.2025, the appellant has revised the queries and accordingly the same cannot be added to the queries of the RTI Application dated 08.10.2025 at the 1st appeal stage”.

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/-

(Sanjay Kumar Nagar)
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