

**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.00085/2024**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. KOMBAN VARGHESE ANIL  
Komban House, Chettupuzha, Thrissur  
Pin: 680012  
Kerala

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: 24th September 2024

**ORDER**

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/24/00085 on 09.09.2024 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 03.09.2024 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/24/08375 dated 08/08/2024 has requested for following information:

“Kindly provide the following information, as on 08-08-2024:

1. Total Count of Active Members (CSs).
2. Out of the aforementioned Total, Count of Associate Members (ACSs).
3. Out of the aforementioned Total, Count of Fellow Members (FCSs).
4. Geographical distribution (based on regions) of Members, i.e., Count of Members (ACSs/ FCSs) in the Northern, Western, Eastern, Southern, and other Geographical Regions totaling to equal the Count in Point No. 1.”

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

“In connection to the response from the CPIO, a clarification email followed by a gentle reminder were sent. Copy of the email clarifying the implied meaning of the term, i.e. active, is attached herewith.

Thus expecting to receive the information sought, extracts from the request appended hereunder:

Kindly provide the following information, as on 08-08-2024:

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

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

S. No.	INFORMATION REQUESTED	REPLY
1.	Total Count of Active Members (CSs).	Current members as on 08.08.2024 – 61561
2.	Out of the aforementioned Total, Count of Associate Members (ACSs).	ACS as on 08.08.2024 – 51007
3.	Out of the aforementioned Total, Count of Fellow Members (FCSs).	FCS as on 08.08.2024 – 10554
4.	Geographical distribution (based on regions) of Members, i.e., Count of Members (ACSs/ FCSs) in the Northern, Western, Eastern, Southern, and other Geographical Regions totalling to equal the Count in Point No. 1.	EIRC – 5607 NIRC – 21965 SIRC – 11599 WIRC – 22390

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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