

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. Offline_4/2026

IN THE MATTER OF:

P. Swaminathan
42, Vijaynagar, Jothipuram,
Coimbatore – 641 047, Tamilnadu

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: 5th June, 2026

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal dated 06/05/2026 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response vide letter dated 06/04/2026 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 dated 09/03/2026 has requested the following information:

"I, P. Swaminathan, resident of Coimbatore, hereby submit this application under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, seeking information from the statutory records maintained by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) regarding the following member:

Name: CS Sathya Ramasamy / Rathya R.

Membership Number: ACS 32469

Regional Jurisdiction: Southern India Regional Council (SIRC)

1. Current Membership Status – Active / Inactive / Suspended / Removed.
2. Date of Admission as Associate Member and present category of membership.

3. Certificate of Practice (COP) Details: Whether the member presently holds a valid COP, including –
 - a) COP Number;
 - b) Date of Issue;
 - c) Current validity status; and
 - d) If surrendered, cancelled, or expired – the date and recorded reason thereof.
4. Professional Status Declaration – Whether the member has declared herself as ‘in practice’ or ‘in employment’ in the latest annual return filed with ICSI.
5. Registered Professional Address and regional jurisdiction as per ICSI records.
6. Proactive Unit Registration – Details of any proprietary concern, partnership firm, LLP, or practice unit registered with ICSI in the name of this member.
7. Authorisation to Issue Statutory Certifications – Whether the member is authorised to issue certifications under the Companies Act, 2013, including but not limited to –
 - e) Secretarial Audit Report under Section 204;
 - f) Annual Return Certification (Form MGT-8) under Section 92; and
 - g) Other compliance certifications under MCA framework.
8. Disciplinary Proceedings – Details of any disciplinary proceedings initiated, pending, or disposed of against the member under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980.
9. Certified Copies of Final Orders, if any, passed by the Disciplinary Directorate, Board of Discipline, or Disciplinary Committee, to the extent available for public disclosure.
10. Penalties / Suspension / Restrictions – Details of any suspension, restriction, or penalty imposed at any time upon the member.
11. Form D Filings – Whether Form D (intimation of commencement or cessation of practice) or any change in professional status has been filed by the member

during the last five years.”

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

“Our reply remains the same as provided in RTI Reply dated 06.04.2026.”

The information as sought by you is relating to the third party (i.e. Ms. Sathya R). Therefore, in accordance with the Section 11(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, a letter dated 11.03.2026 through Speed Post and an email dated 11.03.2026 written to her was invited to make submission(s), as to whether the information as sought by you should be disclosed or not.

Third party (i.e. Ms. Sathya R) has given her submission wherein she has informed not to disclose the information as sought by you. Therefore, as per the provision of Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the information sought cannot be provided.

Therefore, the appeal deserves to be dismissed.”

(4) 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/-

(Ashvini Kumar Srivastava)
First Appellate Authority

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