

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.00061/2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

Shri Taha Merchant
Datta Mandir Burhani Complex deopur
Dhule 424001

Appellant

Vs.

Central Public Information Officer (EXAM)
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India
C-37, Sector 62, NOIDA- 201309

Respondent

Date of Order: 26th May, 2024

ORDER

- (1) The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/24/00061 on 29.04.2024 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref No. ICSOI/R/E/24/07898 dated 29.04.2024 against the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (2) The Appellant vide his application dated 07.04.2024 has requested to provide reply to following:
 - 1.a. How grace marks are awarded, what is the standard operating procedures for awarding grace marks in papers.
 - b. What are list of factors based upon which grace marks are awarded.
 - c. What is maximum and minimum limit of grace marks being awarded
2. Provide us with how many email grievances sent to vom@icsi.edu are redressed as it is the only mail id given for student redressal of exam related checking grievances
3. In case student applying for verification of marks/answer sheets after results what is the qualification of person re-totaling and reverifying checked and unchecked questions.
- (3) The Appellant has informed in the instant appeal that "Refused access to information requested".
- (4) The reply of the Respondent against the instant appeal is as under: -

"1.It is submitted that the requisite information as sought by the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) in his RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/24/07898

dated 07.04.2024, was regarding (a) procedure to award grace marks; (b) email grievances sent to vom@icsi.edu and (c) qualification of person employed for retotaling/reverifying checked and unchecked questions.

2. In response to the above mentioned RTI Application, the reply was provided to the Appellant vide letter dated 29.04.2023(Copy of letter attached).

3. Further, the Appellant has once again sought information regarding query no.2 and query no. 3 in the instant Appeal.

4. In regard to Query No. 2 i.e. number of grievances received and resolved at email VOM@icsi.edu, this is to reiterate that the information sought is not maintained as the said email id is used for making correspondence in regard to verification of marks, Certified Copies and other related matters, and not only grievances. Thus, the segregation on the basis of nature of query is not being done.

5. Further in regard to Query No. 3, i.e. qualification of the person deployed for retotaling and reverifying checked and unchecked questions is "Membership of the Institute".

The contents as above made in the RTI reply stands as it is and are candid.

(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.

As informed by CPIO (EXAM):

1. The Query No 1 stands replied.
2. For query No 2, the information is not maintained as per the format.
3. For Query No 3, the issue stands replied in response to appeal.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal)

First Appellate Authority

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