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.00059/2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

Shri PRAKASH NARSINH CHINTA G-1431 BIDI GHARKUL SOLAPUR HYD ROAD SOLAPUR 413005 Appellant

Vs.

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

Date of Order: 17th May, 2024

ORDER

 The Appellant has filed first Appeal- No. ICSOI/A/E/24/00059 on 18.04.2024 under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in connection with Response Ref No. ICSOI/R/E/24/07978 dated 18.04.2024 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 16.04.2024 has requested to provide certified answer sheets of Executive Programme- Dec 2023 for Module 1 and Module 2.

(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: -

"It is submitted that the requisite information as sought by the Applicant (Appellant hereinafter) in his RTI Application ICSOI/R/E/24/07978 dated 16.04.2024, was in relation to the Answer Books of December 2023 session of Examinations.

It was informed to the Appellant vide letter dated 18.04.2024 that the Answer Books for December 2023 had been disposed off as per the Record Retention Schedule (Copy of Letter attached).

A copy of Record Retention Schedule is available on the website of the Institute (copy attached).

Thus it is to inform once again that the Answer Books can not be provided to the Appellant as they have been disposed off in accordance with the Record Retention Schedule 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.

This Office concurs with the submission of the Respondent that since Answer books of CS Examination Session December 2023 have been disposed off in accordance with the Record Retention Schedule of Directorate of Examination of ICSI, hence the same cannot be provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(Sonia Baijal) First Appellate Authority

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 - 3. Directorate of IT For publishing on the website