

**Pakistan Information Commission
Information Services Academy
Zero Point
Islamabad Pakistan**



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Inspector General Islamabad
Police Line, H-11, Islamabad.

Subject: Designation of Public Information Officer to Implement the Right of Access to Information Act 2017

Each federal public body is obligated to designate Public Information Officers (PIOs) under Section 9 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017, which is as under:

9. Designated Official-- Each public body shall, within thirty days of the commencement of this Act, notify one or more designated officials, not below the rank of an officer in BPS -19 or equivalent;

Provided that where no designated official has been notified or he is absent or not available, principal officer of the public body shall be the designated official:

Provided further that in case of non- government organization, it may designate a senior officer as per its organizational structure.

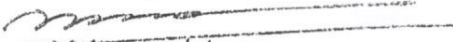
Please issue instructions to designate as many Public Information Officers as required in the ministry, divisions, attached departments or subordinate offices, including autonomous bodies of the Federal Government under the ministry.

The Public Information Officer would provide citizens the requested information declared public under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017, ensure proactive disclosure of categories of information mentioned in Section 5 through website of the public body and represent the federal public body before the Information Commission.

Please also issue instructions to ensure that the particulars of the designated Public Information Officer including name, telephone number and email are made available on the website of the ministry and provided the same to Information Commission. Please issue the notification pertaining to the designation of Public Information Officer within 10 working days after the receipt of this letter as Public Information Officers were to be designated by federal public bodies within 30 days of the enactment of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

The Information Commission is looking forward to your cooperation and will be closely working with you with regard to the training of Public Information Officers and to ensure proactive disclosure of information through websites of federal public bodies. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Muhammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner


Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner


Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

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