

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

APPEAL NO. 1584-12-2021

Kashif Ali Sundrani

Versus

Geological Survey of Pakistan

Date of Hearing: 22.2.2022

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Mr. Kashif Ali Sundrani, preferred his appeal under section 17 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 on December 30, 2021 before the Pakistan Commission on access to information, Islamabad. He alleged that the request for information has not been responded satisfactorily by the Geological Survey of Pakistan.
2. Through an application dated 11-12-2021 to the Geological Survey of Pakistan, he has desired the certified information and documents. The detailed particulars of the requested information are:
 1. *“To provide me recent/latest annual land lease rental prices per acre per annum to be paid to land owners against their hired lands to be determined/fixed through negotiating process with land owners in all fields/districts etc. under company's administrative control throughout Pakistan.*
 2. *what are the other sources of fixation of annual land lease/rental compensation per acre per annum*
 3. *To provide temporary/permanent land acquisition rates per acre to be paid to land owners through concerned land acquisition officers in all the fields/districts under administrative control of the company from 2016 to date.*
 4. *what is status of employees of the company through third party contractors including chowkidars/security guards whether they are being paid from 5% from company's yearly profit or not.*
 5. *Mention govt shares in company & also other main shareholders.*
 6. *Whether all the employees of company are being paid according to minimum wages announced by respective government for year 2021.*
 7. *To provide existing rates of following crops/trees etc per acre destroys/damages due to land hiring to be paid to affected land owners.”*

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<i>Kinds of crops/Trees</i>	<i>Rates per acre</i>
<i>Sugar cane</i>	

<i>Cotton</i>	
<i>Wheat</i>	
<i>Rice</i>	
<i>Vegetable</i>	
<i>Banana</i>	
<i>Grass</i>	
<i>Mango Trees (Mature)</i>	
<i>Beri Tree (Mature)</i>	
<i>Anrood Tree (Mature)</i>	
<i>Date Trees (Mature)</i>	
<i>Neem Tree (Mature)</i>	
<i>Babool Tree (Mature)</i>	
<i>Tali Tree(Mature)</i>	

3. The Director-CC (P&I) vide letter dated December 15, 2021 responded the request as under:

“Reference to letter No. Nil, dated 11-12-2021 on the subject noted above and to say that subject matter does not relevant to the Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP). The GSP is responsible for Geological Mapping and Mineral Exploration in the country.”

B. PROCEEDINGS

4. The notice of the Commission was responded with the same reply. The appellant is not satisfied but in his rejoinder he has failed to point out the wrong with the reply or specifically the reason in the light of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

C. COMMISSION’S VIEW

5. The Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP) is responsible for the study of geology of the country in all pertinent details and to assess its geological resource potential. GSP produces disseminated geological information for government departments, planning, industry and education therefore Geophysical Exploration is responsible for conducting geophysical mapping and surveys in association with mineral resource evaluation projects.
6. The information and documents sought by the appellant connected to land lease /rental prices to be paid to land owners against their hired lands to be determined / fixed through negotiating process with land owners in all fields/districts etc. is not under company's administrative control throughout Pakistan. The desired information and record is not under the custody of the GSP nor can they provide the certified copy thereof.

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D. ORDER

7. The appeal is not allowed. The reply submitted by the Director-CC (P&I) vide letter dated December 15, 2021 is upheld.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on 7.3.2022

Certified that this order consists of three pages, each page has been read and signed.