

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4828-07/2025

Mubasher Mubeen

Vs

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

October 02, 2025 Qamar Hasnain, Section Officer, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 03-09-2025 under RGL No. 154261089. No objection has been received from the applicant. It appears that the applicant is satisfied with the response of the public body. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4720-05/2025

Agha Saleem Khurshid

Vs

Ministry of Finance

October 02, 2025

Abdul Rasheed, Section Officer, Mohsin Ali, Section Officer, Ministry of Finance appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has submitted a reply to the show cause notice under the hand of Secretary, Finance Division, who has submitted that his office has always shown very high esteem to the Commission. He has further submitted that absence from appearance of hearing on 07-08-2025 in the instant appeal was unintentional and was the result of a communication gap. He has further submitted that his office is fully cognizant of its responsibility with respect to Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. He has assured to take utmost care to attend the proceedings in the future. In view of his submission, he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him on 12-08-2025. The Commission has examined the contents of the reply to the show cause notice and appreciates the straightforward approach along with the reassurance given by the Secretary, Finance Division and accordingly withdrawn the show cause notice. The representative of the public body has presented their response which has also been enclosed by the Secretary, Finance Division with the written reply along with the prayer to dismiss the appeal in view of the version of the public body.
2. The representative of the public body has been heard at length and afforded an opportunity to explain their position in accordance with Section 2 (xii), 6 and 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 as they have relied on these sections in their written reply. They were also advised to read the preamble of the Act before the Commission for a better understanding of the law.
3. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply of the public body, legal provisions and applied a judicious approach to arrive at a fair conclusion. During the proceedings on Sep 23, 2025, the public body first submitted that there was no application in their record from the applicant; however, on indulgence of the Commission, the representative called his office and checked from

various offices and informed that such an application is available in the section. Today, he has confirmed that the complaint was filed by the applicant in the Finance Division on 02-04-2024. The applicant filed an information request through email to the Secretary, Finance Division on 16-04-2025. On receipt of no response, he came before the Commission through this appeal filed on May 15, 2025, through email.

4. The representative of the public body has said that no action has so far been taken on the complaint filed by the applicant.

5. The information request of the applicant is reproduced as under,

1. I had intuited complaint against ZTBL before the Finance Secretary on 01-04-2025. So far, I am unaware about the fate of my complaint as I have not been associated with any proceedings. Kindly direct the office to inform me the progress relating to my complaint.

6. As far as his request is concerned, relevant information has now been brought on record which would meet the prayer made in the appeal.

In view of the position stated above, any complaint/application submitted to a public body is a record which merits action and the applicant/complainant is entitled to a reply on that by the public body in keeping with the spirit of Article 19A of the Constitution and the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The Commission would like to part with this order in the manner that a copy of the order be sent to both the parties. The information is available in this order as sought by the applicant. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

7. The Secretary, Finance Division is directed to issue instructions to his staff keeping in view the preamble and the main body of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 for dealing with the applications/complaints in whatsoever manner they deem fit but at least the applicant/complainant is entitled to a response as a matter of right in view of the legal provision enshrined above.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4793-06/2025

Syed Razi ur Rehman

Vs

International Islamic University Islamabad- IIUI

October 02, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 03-09-2025 under RGL No. 154261107. No objection has been received from the applicant. It appears that the applicant is satisfied with the response of the public body. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

