

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4800-06/2025

Adnan Khan

Vs

Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC)

September 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 04-08-2025 under RGL No. 154260972. 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

Pakistan Information Commission

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Order

Appeal No 4635-04/2025

Aamir Baloch

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

September 02, 2025

Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 29-07-2025 under RGL No. 154260166. 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

Pakistan Information Commission

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Order

Appeal No 4704-05/2025

Karamatullah

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

September 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 15-07-2025 under RGL No. 153052702. 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. 3859-08/2024

Malik Tariq Mahmood

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

September 02, 2025

Applicant present in person. Saima Rahim, Deputy Director and Sohail Saleem, IO, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. On the last date of hearing, Shalra Ashfaq Khan, Director, appeared on behalf of the Director General, Intelligence and Investigation, and informed vide letter dated 02-06-2025 that the record pertaining to the information request has been handed over to the office of the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement for appropriate action; therefore, the information asked by the applicant could not be furnished. The applicant, vide his rejoinder dated 18-08-2025, has insisted on impleading the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement in the array of respondents and obtaining the said record from the said office. However, the Commission has noted that it has been categorically informed by the Director General, Intelligence and Investigation, in his letter mentioned above, that the record pertaining to the information request has been handed over to the office of the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement; therefore, it would not be appropriate to prolong this matter. Hence, the appeal is disposed of with the observation that the applicant may file an information request for obtaining the required information from the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement, and if it is not provided, he may file a fresh appeal before the Commission. 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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Order

Appeal No. 3838-08/2024

Malik Tariq Mahmood

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

September 02, 2025

Applicant present in person. Saima Rahim, Deputy Director and Sohail Saleem, IO, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. On the last date of hearing, Shalra Ashfaq Khan, Director, appeared on behalf of the Director General, Intelligence and Investigation, and informed vide letter dated 02-06-2025 that the record pertaining to the information request has been handed over to the office of the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement for appropriate action; therefore, the information asked by the applicant could not be furnished. The applicant, vide his rejoinder dated 18-08-2025, has insisted on impleading the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement in the array of respondents and obtaining the said record from the said office. However, the Commission has noted that it has been categorically informed by the Director General, Intelligence and Investigation, in his letter mentioned above, that the record pertaining to the information request has been handed over to the office of the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement; therefore, it would not be appropriate to prolong this matter. Hence, the appeal is disposed of with the observation that the applicant may file an information request for obtaining the required information from the Chief Collector Customs Enforcement, and if it is not provided, he may file a fresh appeal before the Commission. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

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Information Commissioner

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Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No. 4717-05/2025

Ishaque Ahmed

Vs

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP)

September 02, 2025

Boo Ali, Management Executive, SECP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 29-07-2025 under RGL No. 154260175. 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

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No. 4375-01/2025

Nauman Ali Haider

Vs

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP)

September 02, 2025

Boo Ali, Management Executive, SECP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 29-07-2025 under RGL No. 154260177. 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. 4615-04/2025

Mir Umer Usman

Vs

National Institute of Health

September 02, 2025

Sana Shahid Butt, Manager (Administration and Operations), NIH appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has furnished reply vide letter dated 02-09-2025, and it has been submitted that the subject matter of appeal No. 4615-04/2025 is identical to that of previously disposed of appeal No. 4572-03/2025. Taking notice of the said reply, the Commission summoned the file of 4572-03/2025 and noted that in both the appeals, the applicant and the information request are identical.

2. In appeal No. 4572-03/2025, the public body filed a written reply along with copy of a letter dated 11-03-2025 addressed to the applicant, stating that the information required by the applicant is exempted under Section 7(h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Said written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 16-04-2025 in that appeal, and the applicant did not respond to the said letter, whereupon the Commission disposed of the appeal vide order dated 22-05-2025.

3. Whereafter, the applicant filed a fresh appeal No. 4615-04/2025 (appeal in hand) seeking similar information. Said appeal does not lie under Section 13(2)(iii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Therefore, it is dismissed. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

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Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No. 4713-05/2025

Aamir Baloch

Vs

Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP)

September 02, 2025

Mubashir Mehmood, Director (FAO), AGP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 23-06-2025, furnished information to the extent of Serial 1 and 2 of the information request, which was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt and showed satisfaction. However, through rejoinder, the applicant raised an objection regarding point 3.

2. The plea of the public body in respect of the said point was that, as per the SOPs of the Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan, audit working paper files, pro forma checklists, and supervision instruments are not shared as the same are used for audit to draw conclusions and draft audit observations. Moreover, audit inspection reports are draft reports and cannot be shared.

3. This response was again shared with the applicant, who has furnished a further rejoinder insisting on sharing the said information at point 3 of the information request. The Commission has examined the information request, the written reply of the public body, the rejoinder of the applicant, the reply by the public body, and the subsequent rejoinder of the applicant thereon.

4. It is found that the information required at point 3 of the information request is correspondence, memos, and replies (if any) between the Auditor General's office and SPSC, Planning and Development Department, SGA&CD, or other relevant authorities.

5. Said information does not fall under the category of public record as per Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017; therefore, it cannot be shared by the public body. Remaining information has already been furnished and stands shared with the applicant, who has shown satisfaction. Hence, 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

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Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No. 4813-07/2025

Shahid Waheed

Vs

State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan

September 02, 2025

Muhammad Ijaz appeared on behalf of the applicant. Muhammad Danish Ansari, Assistant Manager, State Life Insurance Corporation appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide written reply furnished on 11-08-2025, has taken the plea that the applicant earlier filed Appeal No. 3306-12/2023 against the public body, which was decided by this Commission vide order dated 10-07-2024 for similar information; therefore, the second appeal does not lie.

2. As per Article 7 of the Life Insurance Nationalization Order, 1972, the Board of the Corporation can perform such other functions, including functions of the Federal Government, under such order, and the Board of the Corporation in its 306th meeting held on 15-04-2024 decided that minutes of the Board of Directors and its committees shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to the public in terms of Section 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

3. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt but, vide email dated 01-09-2025, opposed the plea of the public body.

4. The Commission summoned the record of Appeal No. 3306-12/2023 and examined its order dated 10-07-2024. It has been noted that the earlier appeal was disposed of with the observation that the applicant in that appeal filed an information request as well as an appeal as President, State Life Insurance Employees Union of Pakistan, and under Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, that appeal was not maintainable. However, the applicant was allowed to file a fresh appeal as a citizen of Pakistan; therefore, the subsequent Appeal No. 4813-07/25 (appeal in hand) is maintainable.

5. Regarding the plea of the public body that the Board of Directors of the Corporation decided in its 306th meeting that minutes of the Board of Directors and its committees shall remain confidential, the Commission has found that under Section 7(b) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, only minutes of meetings which have not been finalized by the public body have

been excluded from Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. In the case in hand, the required information pertains to minutes of meetings which have been finalized. Moreover, Section 25 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 provides that all provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force.

6. In view of the above, the plea of the public body has been found not sustainable and is turned down. Resultantly, the appeal is allowed. Designated Official, Mr. Muhammad Izqar Khan, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan is directed to furnish the required information within 10 days of the receipt of this order. 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. 4378-01/2025

Nadeem Tanoli

Vs

Pharmacy Council of Pakistan

September 02, 2025

Fahad Hassan, Admin Officer, Pharmacy Council of Pakistan appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply to the show-cause notice has been furnished by Fahad Hassan, Admin Officer. It is submitted that the Acting Secretary completed his tenure, and to date, no Secretary has been appointed. According to the PCP By-Laws, 1969, approval of the Secretary is required prior to filing any reply before the Commission; hence, absence of the officer was not willful. Therefore, request is made to withdraw the show-cause notice. In view of the explanation furnished by the officer, the show-cause notice is withdrawn.

2. The representative of the public body has furnished a written reply to the appeal. It is submitted that the applicant has requested the Commission to direct the PSB, whereas PCP does not have any sports board. Moreover, it is submitted that PCP does not have any Board of Directors; it is only a council governed under the ECP Act; hence, no question arises regarding sharing the minutes of the Board of Directors.

3. As far as the objection of the public body that the applicant has requested PSB to share the required information is concerned, although in the appeal, in para 2, it has been mentioned that the Commission be directed to order the PSB to provide the required information, the information request is addressed to the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan, and in para 1 of the appeal, the applicant has further mentioned that he earlier filed an information request with PCP. Therefore, the reference to PSB in para 2 of the appeal appears to be a typographical mistake, and for that, the applicant should not be penalized.

4. However, in view of the categorical written reply furnished by the public body that it does not have a Board of Directors and no question arises to hold any meeting of the Board, the required information cannot be ordered to be shared. 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