

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5314-01/2026**  
**Zakir Ullah**  
**V**

**Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony**

June 03, 2026                      None appeared on behalf of the public body. The public body, vide letter dated 09-02-2026, furnished a written reply answering all the queries of the information request. A copy of the same was shared with the applicant. The applicant, vide letter dated 30-03-2026, filed a rejoinder showing his reservations regarding the quota system, which allocates 70 percent for repeaters and 30 percent for fresh candidates.

2.                      Copy of the rejoinder was shared with the public body, and the public body, vide letter dated 29-04-2026, furnished a reply to the objections raised by the applicant in the rejoinder, which was again shared with the applicant vide letter dated 06-05-2026. The applicant, vide email dated 14-05-2026, again filed a rejoinder expressing dissatisfaction with the quota distribution policy, which is not within the domain of this Commission. The Commission has already obtained the required information from the public body, and it stands shared with the applicant. The written replies furnished by the public body address the queries of the information request. 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**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5522-04/2026**  
**Asad**  
**V**  
**Pakistan Post**

June 03, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313677. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has passed. 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**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5524-04/2026**  
**Asad**  
**V**  
**Pakistan Post**

June 03, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 07-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313907. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has passed. 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**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5523-04/2026**  
**Asad**  
**V**  
**Pakistan Post**

June 03, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 07-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313909. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has passed. 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**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5465-03/2026**

**Imran Khan**  
**V**  
**Ministry of Housing and Works**

June 03, 2026

Shahid Haroon, GM (Finance) / Company Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. In compliance with the order of the Commission dated 07-05-2026, the public body informed the applicant, vide letter dated 13-05-2026, about the photocopying charges involved in the sharing of the record, along with the head of account where the photocopying charges were required to be deposited. The public body, vide letter dated 02-06-2026, further submitted that the applicant has not deposited the photocopying charges so far and has filed another application before the Commission as well as the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works.

2. Since the public body has informed the applicant about the photocopying charges involved in the sharing of the record, along with the head of account where the photocopying charges are required to be deposited, in compliance with the order of the Commission dated 07-05-2026, and the applicant has not deposited the said amount, the appeal is disposed of in the manner that if the applicant deposits the photocopying charges within one month, the public body shall provide the information in compliance with the order of the Commission. However, if the said amount is not deposited, no further proceedings shall be required. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5130-11/2025**  
**Saddia Mazhar**  
**V**  
**Islamabad Club**

**Order:**  
**Ijaz Hassan Awan**

June 03, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the respondent in spite of the fact that on the last date of hearing – appeared on behalf of the Islamabad Club and on his request adjournment was granted for submission of reply to the rejoinder.

1. Brief facts of the case are that Saddia Mazhar, as citizen of Pakistan filed RTI addressed to the Secretary, Islamabad Club requiring following information;
  - 1) *What is the total Membership of the Islamabad Club.*
  - 2) *Provide copy of the criteria for the membership of the Islamabad Club.*
  - 3) *List of properties, shops, restaurants, or outlets leased or rented by Islamabad Club, including:*
    - a. *Date of lease/rent award.*
    - b. *Name of the tenant.*
    - c. *Monthly/annual rent.*
  - 4) *Details of private events (marriages, conferences, parties, etc.) held at Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club from January 2025 to date, along with the revenue generated from each event/activity.*
  - 5) *Total number of trainers/coaches affiliated with the club, including details of their wages.*
  - 6) *When was the last audit of Islamabad Club conducted?*
  - 7) *Provide a certified copy of the last audit report.*
  - 8) *Total land acquired on lease for Islamabad Club.*
  - 9) *Total land converted into commercial land.*
  - 10) *Provide a certified copy of the latest lease agreement signed with the Government for acquiring the land for the club.*
  - 11) *Details of funds or grants received from the government from Jan 2024 to date.*
2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to the applicant; hence, she filed this appeal. After institution of the appeal and notice to the respondent, Islamabad Club furnished a written reply through Wasim Abid and Ahmed Zafar, Advocates, dated 01-10-2025, and contested this appeal on various grounds. It was submitted that the applicant is not entitled to have the information according to her information request, having no locus standi as she is not a member of the Club.

That, as per the test laid down in Article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, information related to matters of public importance can be sought;

That, such a matter is already pending before the Islamabad High Court in Writ Petition No. 4104 of 2022, while WP No. 3355 of 2020 and WP No. 2717 of 2023 are pending adjudication before the Islamabad High Court.

That, the Islamabad Club was originally established as a company limited by guarantee. Subsequently, however, administration of the Islamabad Club's affairs was transferred to and vested in the Respondent, i.e., Administrator Islamabad Club. The Islamabad Club, therefore, has no juristic personality; rather, the Respondent is the concerned juristic person as far as the affairs of the Islamabad Club are concerned. However, in the appeal, the Respondent has not been impleaded as a party. For clarity, the Islamabad Club is an unincorporated club which is not capable of suing or being sued in its own name.

It is further added that no funding is received from the Federal Government, nor has the Federal Government allocated any budget to the Islamabad Club. Hence, the Commission is requested to refrain from further proceedings till the disposal of the above-mentioned writ petitions.

3. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 01-04-2026 under RGL No. 170312859, who, vide her email dated 27-04-2026, filed a rejoinder contesting the plea of the public body. She stated that, according to the Club's official website, it occupies approximately 352 acres of land, which translates into a nominal lease rate per acre per month. The specific area allocated to the Polo Ground has not been disclosed. Historical records indicate that in 1967, approximately 244 acres were leased to the Club by the CDA at a concessional rate of Rs. 1 per acre for the first ten years, with a provision for revision thereafter. However, the lease terms were reportedly not revised, and an additional 108 acres were subsequently acquired, bringing the total area to approximately 352 acres.
4. Since nobody appeared today on behalf of the respondent and a reply to the rejoinder has not been furnished, the Commission proceeded ex parte as sufficient opportunity had been provided.
5. As far as the plea of the respondent that it is not a public body as defined under Section 2(ix) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is concerned, the Commission has examined the plea of the public body, the written reply furnished by the applicant through her rejoinder, and the relevant law on the subject.
6. The applicant, in her rejoinder dated 27-04-2026, has categorically stated that the Islamabad Club occupies approximately 352 acres of land, which translates into a nominal lease rate per acre per month. The specific area allocated to the Polo Ground has not been disclosed.

Historical records indicate that in 1967, approximately 244 acres were leased to the Club by the CDA at a concessional rate of Rs. 1 per acre for the first ten years, and this stance of the applicant has not been rebutted by the Islamabad Club. Under Section 2(ix)(h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, it is provided that a public body means a non-government organization which directly or indirectly receives or has received public funds, subsidy, tax exemptions, a piece of land, or any other benefit involving public funds, and any other non-governmental organization or body registered under any law for the time being in force;

7. In the present case, undisputedly, state land measuring 352 acres is retained by the Islamabad Club under a lease agreement at a nominal rate of Rs. 1 per acre; hence, it comes within the definition of a public body.
8. Going further, it seems that the management of the respondent has not appreciated the factual position and conveyed the true picture about its status to the Commission.
9. The Government of Pakistan, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Division notification dated 14-04-2020 categorizes the respondent as an autonomous body under the Cabinet Division, Islamabad, which clearly attracts Section 2(ix)(a) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
10. As we go along Section 2(ix) of the Act, 2017, we observe that the respondent is a creation of a Federal law which was enacted in the form of an Ordinance dated July 19, 1978, and the Ordinance has been titled the Islamabad Club (Administration) Ordinance, 1978. The Ordinance dissolves the company status of the Club and provides for the appointment of an Administrator of the Club from a public sector organization. In addition to that, the Management Committee is also appointed by the Government. The Ordinance states that the President of Pakistan shall be the Patron of the Islamabad Club.
11. Hence, by virtue of Section 2(ix)(a), (b), and (h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the Commission holds that the Islamabad Club is a public body.
12. The plea of the respondent that the applicant, not being a member of the Islamabad Club and an aggrieved person, has no locus standi to seek this information is concerned. In this behalf, the Commission holds that under Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, a citizen of Pakistan may make a request to a public body, and there is no controversy that the applicant is not a citizen of Pakistan; therefore, the objection of the respondent is ruled out.
13. As far as the plea of the respondent that only in matters of public importance an information request can be filed for having access to public record is concerned, the Commission holds that when a valuable



piece of public land is under the utilization of the Islamabad Club under a lease agreement on nominal charges of Rs. 1 per acre, it is a matter of public importance, and the citizen of Pakistan has the right to know about the utilization of state land at such a nominal rate.

14. The objection of the respondent that in certain cases decided by the Commission, whereby orders of the Commission have been challenged, is concerned. It is stated that no order of the Commission concerning the appeal in hand has been challenged before the Islamabad High Court, and no matter regarding this appeal is pending before the IHC, nor has any order been passed by the IHC staying the proceedings in this appeal.
15. In addition to the above, the preamble of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 provides for a law which gives effect to the fundamental right of access to information as guaranteed under Article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan, whereby citizens have access to information.
16. In addition to that, the Government believes in transparency and the right to have access to information to ensure that the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have improved access to records held by public authorities and to promote the purpose of making the Government more accountable to its people, improving participation by the people in public affairs, reducing corruption and inefficiency in Government, promoting sound economic growth, promoting good governance, and ensuring respect for human rights.
17. Section 3 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 also provides that the Act may be interpreted so as to advance its purposes as set out in the preamble and to promote the right of access to information and facilitate and encourage the prompt disclosure of information at the lowest reasonable cost.
18. In view of the above discussion, the Commission holds that the Islamabad Club is a public body as defined under Section 2(ix)(a), (b), and (h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The Commission has jurisdiction to entertain this appeal, and the information sought by the applicant is held by the public body, and the applicant has the fundamental right to have access to information.
19. The appeal is partially allowed. The Secretary, Islamabad Club, is directed to provide the required information to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days, except the information mentioned at Serial No. 4 of the information request, as it pertains to the Rawalpindi Gymkhana, which is a separate entity from the Islamabad Club as per the enactment. A copy of the order be sent to the Secretary, Islamabad Club, and the Administrator, Islamabad Club, for implementation. A copy of the order be also sent to the Secretary, Cabinet Division, and the applicant for information.

Certified that this order consists of 4 (four) pages, each page has been dictated, read, corrected and signed.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**  
**Appeal No 5231-12/2025**  
**Saddia Mazhar**

**V**  
**National Assembly of Pakistan**

June 03, 2026

Moazm Ali Malik, Assistant, National Assembly appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body produced a copy of the note to the Speaker, National Assembly, seeking certain records to be declared as classified under Section 7(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and the said note was approved by the Speaker on 04-10-2022, which has been perused by the Commission and has been found that Para 19-04 of the noting record related to the assets of the employees of the National Assembly Secretariat is declared as classified record. In view of the above, the Commission cannot pass an order to share the information which has already been declared classified by the Speaker, National Assembly. 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**  
**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5297-01/2026**

**Aftab Ahmed Ujjan**

**V**

**Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation**

June 03, 2026

Applicant present in person. None appeared on behalf of the public body. In compliance of the order of the Commission dated 05-05-2026 the public body vide letter dated 02-06-2026 has furnished two sets of PMDC HR Mannual as Annexure A. One set of the said manual is handed over to the applicant present before the Commission, who expressed satisfaction over the same. In view of above, 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