

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

**Order**

**Appeal No 5498-03/26**

**Bilal Arif**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Post**

May 05,2026

Applicant present in person. Amna Khalid, Assistant Post Master General, Pakistan Post appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 05-05-2026 has furnished certified copies of the documents required by the applicant. Copy of the same has been handed over to the applicant and his counsel, who, after examining it, have stated that information cited at Query No. 3, 5, 7, 10(v) and (vi), 11, 13, 17, 29, 30, and 32 has not been provided.
2. The Commission has examined the information request and the written reply furnished today, point to point, and found that all the information/record, except the information cited at Query No. 3, 5, 7, 10(v) and (vi), 11, 13, 17, 29, 30, and 32, has been provided to the applicant.
3. In this respect, the Commission has observed that in response to Query No. 3 of the information request, the public body has categorically submitted in the written reply that all the involved persons were called telephonically by the inquiry committee and no summons or notice was issued; therefore, no order can be passed to provide the same, which is not held by the public body.
4. At Query No. 5, the applicant required correspondence/chatting details between Mr. Tabraiz Mehmood with Ms. Shama Perviaz and print of the same has been provided.
5. In response to Query No. 7, the public body has categorically answered that the guest entry record is not held by the public body; as such, no order can be passed for sharing the record which is not held by the public body.
6. In response to Query No. 10(v) and (vi), 11, 13, 17, and 32, the public body has categorically stated in the written reply that the said information is not available with the public body; hence, no order can be passed for sharing the record which is not held by the public body.
7. Information cited at Query No. 29 pertains to the privacy of an individual and cannot be shared.
8. Information cited at Query No. 30 is information of a third party which involves privacy elements.
9. In view of above, 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 5401-02/2026**

**Kashif Shahzad Khan**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA)**

May 05, 2026

Syed Ifrat Batool, Consultant, PTA and Nasir Ali Khan, Director, PTA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 10-03-2026 furnished written reply stating that PTA has planned to conduct a spectrum auction for NGMS/5G on 10th March 2026, and the commercial launch of 5G services has not commenced yet. In addition to that, it is stated that all details regarding the spectrum auction, including the license template, obligations, and related documents, are available on website for ready reference of the general public and telecom consumers, the link of which has been given in the written reply. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 16-03-2026, and he had acknowledged its receipt vide email dated 30-03-2026, but has objected that the said response is incomplete, misleading, and not in accordance with the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. It is further submitted that the provided link does not contain the specific documents, certified copies, or detailed information corresponding to his queries.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder of the applicant. Now, the grievance of the applicant is that he has not been provided certified copies, but the question is as to whether the public body, in compliance with Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, has published the said data, including uploading it on the internet, and the public body has stated that all the information is available on the website. The representative for the public body has again confirmed that all the required information is available on the website, as she, before proceeding for the hearing today, has confirmed the same from the website. In view of the above, requiring certified copies of documents from the public body, in spite of the fact that it is already available on the website is not justified, as copy of the same can download from the website of the public body and it is authentic document, being electronically generated and does not require further attestation or any signature.
3. 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 5061-10/2025**

**Azmat Khan**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Communication and Postal Services**

May 05,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 31-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312841. 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**

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**Appeal No 5290-12/2025**

**Zulifqar Khalid**

**Vs**

**Comsats University, Islamabad**

May 05,2026

Asif Mushtaq, Deputy Registrar, Comsats University Islamabad appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 31-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312713. 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 5297-01/2026**

**Aftab Ahmed Ujjan**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation**

May 05,2026

Applicant present in person. None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The vide letter dated 26-03-2026 furnished written reply providing information in respect to Query No. 2 to 4. However, in respect of Query No. 1 regarding the copy of HR policy formulated by Ferguson, it is stated that the said policy is neither public record nor is covered under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 read with Section 16(1)(ii). Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who has acknowledged its receipt but has filed rejoinder stating that although information in respect of Query No. 2 to 4 has been provided, however, information in respect of Query No. 1 has not been provided.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply furnished by the public body, and rejoinder filed by the applicant. The applicant at serial No. 1 has required copy of the HR policy formulated by Ferguson, which is a public record under Section 6(a) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The plea of the public body regarding exemption of the required documents is not tenable. In view of above, the appeal is allowed. Mr. Usman Ahmed Bath, Designated Officer, PMDC, is directed to provide copy of the HR policy formulated by Ferguson to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
3. Adjourned to 03-06-2026 for implementation proceedings

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5295-01/2025**

**Kausar Ali**

**Vs**

**Military Land and Cantonment Department**

May 05,2026

Muhammad Ali, Additional CEO, Cantonment Board Chaklala appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 12-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312384. 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**

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**Appeal No 4947-06/2025**

**Khushdil Khan Malik**

**Vs**

**Federal Service Tribunal (FST)**

May 05,2026

Applicant not present. Zahid Ur Rahman, Assistant Registrar, FST appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. According to the order of the Commission dated 15-01-2026, Query No. (b), (d), and (f) of the information request stood addressed, whereas in respect of the remaining queries of the information request, the public body was directed to file para-wise comments, which have already been furnished and rejoinder has been received from the applicant.

2. The Commission has examined the contents of the written reply of the public body and the rejoinder filed by the applicant and has perused the certified copies of the orders of the FST furnished by the Assistant Registrar today. The said queries are decided as under:

3. In respect of Query No. (a) of the information request, the reply of the public body that adjournment of a case is the sole discretion of the Court and that the Registrar Office has no authority to adjourn the case is adequate and meets the requirements of the information request.

4. In respect of Query No. (c), the public body in response stated that the Assistant Registrar Office is incompetent to answer the question. Since this answer has not been given adequately, the Registrar present before the Commission was required to furnish a copy of the order dated 07-03-2025. The same was furnished by the Assistant Registrar, and perusal of the same shows that on the said date of hearing the applicant was not present before the FST and the order was passed against him by the Bench.

5. In response to Query (e) of the information request, the public body has answered that "no comments." However, this question relates to the attendance of the respondent on a particular date. Copy of the order of said date was presented by the Assistant Registrar, FST, which shows that Hafiz Ahmed Rasheed, Assistant Attorney General, along with Mr. Abdul Qayyum, appeared on behalf of the Estate Office.

6. While answering Query No. (g), the respondent has already furnished copy of order dated 26-03-2025, which is self-explanatory and the query stands addressed.

7. In respect of Query No. (j), certified copies of the orders dated 12-03-2026 and 01-04-2026 have been furnished by the representative of the public body today; let the same be shared with the applicant.

8. In view of the 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

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5398-02/2026**

**Zahid Hussain**

**Vs**

**Cooperative Societies Department, Islamabad**

May 05,2026

Applicant present in person. None appeared on behalf of the public body however, the public body vide letter dated 09-03-2026 furnished copies of notifications required by the applicant at Serial Nos. 1, 3, and 4 of the information request, and a copy of the said response along with enclosures was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt but filed a rejoinder dated 27-03-2026 stating that he has not been provided a copy of the letter requested at Serial No. 2 of the information request.

2. The public body vide letter dated 27-04-2026 has informed that presently the case regarding de-registration of 18 housing societies is still pending adjudication at the IHC, and the date of hearing was fixed for 23-04-2026; hence, it cannot be provided.
3. The applicant has been provided the response of the public body letter dated 27-04-2026 and he has expressed satisfaction over the same; 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**

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**Appeal No 5350-02/2026**

**Agha Hassan Khurshid**

**Vs**

**Higher Education Commission (HEC)**

May 05,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 27-02-2026 furnished a written reply answering all the queries of the applicant, and copy of the same was shared with the applicant, who vide email dated 17-03-2026 filed a rejoinder agitating that the response furnished by the public body is quite incorrect; however, the response to Query No. 3 has been admitted as true.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder, and found that Queries No. 2 to 4 have been properly replied to and address the information request; however, the document required at Serial No. 1 of the information request has not been delivered with the plea that the copy of the letter issued by ZTBL can be obtained by the applicant from ZTBL.
3. The Commission has noted that a vague query has been floated by the applicant stating that a copy of the alleged document, without specifying it, be provided. This request is against the provision of Section 11(iii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and it is not categorically a public record.
4. In view of the 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

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

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**Appeal No 5479-03/2026**

**Zakir Ullah**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives**

May 05,2026

Mehboob Ur Rahman, Assistant Chief, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiative appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 06-04-2026 has submitted that policy information regarding languages does not pertain to this Ministry and the applicant may approach the National Heritage and Culture Division and its attached departments i.e. National Language Promotion Department and PNCA etc. A copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 13-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313034, but vide email dated 16-04-2026 he has stated that he is not satisfied with the response of the public body, as he has already approached the National Language Promotion Department and the Establishment Division but they did not provide the information, stating that it is not relevant.
2. The response submitted by the public body is quite clear, and the applicant has been guided to approach the Pakistan Academy of Letters and Pakistan National Council of Arts etc. which he has not yet approached. Therefore, in view of the categorical 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 5323-01/2026**

**Ch. Ashraf Gujjar**

**Vs**

**Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)**

May 05,2026

Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312943. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Rsegulations 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 5321-01/2026**

**Agha Hassan Khurshid**

**Vs**

**Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)**

May 05,2026

Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312942. 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. 5568-03/26**

**Samra Parveen**

**Vs**

**Islamabad High Court**

May 05, 2026

None appeared from both side. This is a fresh appeal and office issued notice to the Registrar, IHC on 15-04-2026 for filing comments but no reply has been received within the given time.

1. It is noted that Registrar, Islamabad High Court has filed a Writ Petition No. 2818 of 2022 against the Pakistan Information Commission and others assailing order passed by the Commission dated 28-06-2022. In the said Writ Petition after issuing notice, the IHC vide order dated 09-02-2026 stayed the proceedings of the Commission in the said appeal as well as in Appeal No.1556-12/21, 1240-08/21, 2033-06/22, 4574-03/25, 5028-10/25 and 5065-10/25 pending before the Commission as point has been raised that the administrative as well as judicial functions of superior courts cannot be placed at par with those of executive or statutory public bodies, and that subjecting such constitutional institutions to regulatory or oversight mechanisms applicable to ordinary public authorities, in the absence of an express constitutional or statutory mandate, would amount to an encroachment upon the principle of separation of powers and infringement of judicial independence.

2. In addition to that, the Islamabad High Court vide judgment dated 16-10-2025 declared in W.P No. 784 of 2020, W.P No. 785 of 2020, W.P No. 963 of 2020, W.P No. 964 of 2020 W.P No. of 965 of 2020, W.P No. 3564 of 2020, W.P No. 3706 of 2022 and W.P No. 3707 of 2022 titled Election Commission of Pakistan Vs Pakistan Information, W.P No. 1485 of 2020 titled Federation of Pakistan Vs Pakistan Information Commission held that

*(a) The Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 does not apply to constitutional bodies, including the Election Commission of Pakistan and the Office of the President of Pakistan, as they are not "public bodies" within the meaning of Section 2(ix) of the Act.*

*(b) The Pakistan Information Commission, being a statutory authority, has no jurisdiction to issue binding directions or orders against such constitutional entities.*

3. Since, similar question of law is involved in this appeal and the IHC has already declared that the Pakistan Information Commission being a statutory authority has no jurisdiction to issue binding directions or orders against the constitutional bodies and RTI Act, 2017 does not apply to constitutional bodies, therefore, it would be appropriate as abundant caution that no further proceedings be conducted in this appeal till the final decision of the IHC in pending WP of 2818 of 2022.

Therefore, office is directed to sine-die consign this appeal and further proceedings shall be initiated if a final order is passed in favor of the Pakistan Information Commission by the Islamabad High Court.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

