

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5294-01/26**

**Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

May 06, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. In response to the notice issued in this appeal, the public body has furnished a copy of the accounts note portion wherein it is mentioned that pension disbursement of 6 officials, including the petitioners, has been delayed due to a system error, and the pension cell of APP has been working in coordination with the AGPR and the bank, and the issue will be resolved. This is the categorical reply of the public body, although the applicant has filed rejoinder and stated that the concerned officer of the public body be penalized.

2. In view of the importance of the matter of pension, which is the right of the applicant, the Commission would, in the light of the preamble of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, advise the Secretary, MOIB to resolve the issue within 30 days under intimation to this Commission.
3. 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 5537-03/2026**

**Abdul Rehman**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Defence'**

May 06, 2026

Lt. Col. (r) Muhammad Yasar, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Defence appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has submitted that the applicant is seeking the same information that has already been provided to the applicant in Appeal No. 4580, and after sharing of the said information, the appeal was disposed of vide order dated 28-01-2026. According to Section 13(2)(b)(iii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the applicant cannot seek the same information within six months that has already been provided to him/her.
2. In view of the above, no further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of as dismissed. 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 5284-01/2025**

**Aftab Ahmed Ujjan**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation**

May 06, 2026

Applicant present in person. Manzoor Hussain Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 25-03-2026, furnished a written reply stating that it has already provided the requested information to the applicant in Appeal No. 4708/2025, and a copy of the order dated 09-11-2025 recorded in the above-mentioned appeal is annexed. The Commission also summoned the file of Appeal No. 4708/2025 and found that the documents requested in the appeal in hand were earlier required by the applicant in Appeal No. 4708/2025, and after sharing the documents with the applicant, the appeal was decided finally.
2. The applicant has again filed a new appeal seeking the same information, which is not maintainable, as an earlier such appeal has already been decided by the Commission.
3. The applicant insists that in that appeal, the information provided by the public body was not complete as well as false; the applicant was advised that the proper course in this matter would be to submit a complaint with evidence before the Commission, which can be taken care of under the legal provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. 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 5301-01/2026**

**Muhammad Arif Awaz**

**Vs**

**Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) Lahore**

May 06, 2026

Syed Najum Ul Hassan Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 12-02-2026, furnished the required information in tabulated form as per the information request, which was shared with the applicant. The applicant has acknowledged its receipt but has raised an objection that the public body furnished old data about the status of the posts. In his rejoinder, he has stated that the sanctioned strength of the Security Supervisor was 39, whereas the present strength is shown as 75, which indicates that there is for approval of the additional posts there should have been some notification, and copy of the same be provided.
2. The Commission has examined the information request and found that there are three queries which includes approved strength, total strength, and vacant posts. The public body has answered all three queries, and now the claim of the applicant in his rejoinder is beyond the scope of his information request, which cannot be entertained. Hence, 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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**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5280-12/2025**

**Azmat Khan**

**Vs**

**Federal Government Employees Housing Authority (FGEHA)**

May 06, 2026

Syed Muhammad Ali, Deputy Director, FGEHA 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. 170312716. 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

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**Appeal No 5533-04/2026**

**Abid Khan**

**Vs**

**Chief Commissioner Islamabad**

May 06, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. In spite of issuance of two notices, the Commission has examined the contents of the information request and the memo of appeal and found that the applicant is seeking a copy of the complaint filed by Ms. Ishrat Perveen against Dr. Umer Hayat of WADA Clinic located at Chattha Bakhtawar, Islamabad.
2. The Commission has noted that neither the applicant filed the said complaint nor is he concerned with it in any other manner. In fact, it is a matter between the complainant and the alleged accused, and the applicant, being an unrelated third party, has no right to access such record. Disclosure of the same would amount to invasion of the personal privacy of an individual; hence, the requested information cannot be provided under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The appeal is disposed of as dismissed. 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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**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5315-01/2026**

**Mudassar Munir Cheema**

**Vs**

**National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA)**

May 06, 2026

Muhammad Hammad, Assistant Director, NADRA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body is shared with the applicant vide letter dated 27-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313457. As a period of 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has not yet passed, therefore, appeal be kept in wait for rejoinder of the applicant if any. Registrar Office is directed to put up the file after 20 days from the date of sharing the information for further directions.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No 5214-12/2025**

**Naeem Afzal**

**Vs**

**Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP)**

May 06, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated Nil, required certified copies of the case record, proceedings, and all related documents pertaining to a complaint titled Nadeem Afzal Vs Premier Systems Pvt Ltd, filed on 17-01-2025, and the status of the said complaint.
2. The public body, vide letter dated 08-01-2026, furnished written reply stating that the information sought by the applicant had already been communicated to him by Competition Commission of Pakistan through official correspondence. It was further submitted that a copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who filed a rejoinder received on 18-02-2026, and again required from the public body the status and progress of the pending suo motu proceedings.
3. The public body, responding to the said rejoinder vide letter dated 25-03-2026, submitted that the Appellant was informed that an informal complaint earlier submitted by him via email dated 26-07-2024 had already been taken cognizance of by the Commission and converted into a suo motu enquiry under Section 37(1) of the Act, and therefore the formal complaint subsequently filed on the same subject matter did not require separate proceedings. Consequently, the formal complaint fee deposited by the Appellant was returned in accordance with the applicable regulations.
4. It was further submitted that the documents sought by the Appellant formed part of the investigative and deliberative record of regulatory proceedings. Disclosure of such material during the pendency of proceedings is restricted and exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, which protects records relating to ongoing investigations, intermediary opinions, recommendations, and internal deliberations prior to a final decision.

5. The applicant again controverted the said pleas through filing another rejoinder.
6. After examining all these documents discussed above, the Commission has come to the conclusion that when suo motu proceedings are still underway, no information can be shared with the applicant as required under Section 7(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
7. Moreover, the applicant, in his information request, sought information from the public body in respect of a particular complaint which, as per the response of the public body, was returned to the applicant, and no request was made by the applicant to share the proceedings of the suo motu proceedings in his information request.
8. Therefore, in the above circumstances, 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 5403-02/2026**

**Asad**

**Vs**

**Banking Mohtasib of Pakistan**

May 06, 2026

Saleem Akhtar, Senior Legal Advisor, Banking Mohtasib  
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 10.3.2026, filed a written reply stating that all the information required by the applicant is available on the website of the public body, and the link for the same has been provided. A copy of the same has been provided to the applicant, who filed a rejoinder stating that the representative of the public body is misleading and that incomplete information has been provided. He further stated that he required certified copies of the required documents.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply of the public body, the rejoinder filed by the applicant, and the relevant provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
3. The public body, in its written reply, has stated that all the required information is available on the website as required under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. As far as the plea of the applicant for having the required information in printed form is concerned, it is not sustainable, as Section 3 of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance, 2002, states that “No document, record, information, communication, or transaction shall be denied legal recognition, admissibility, effect, validity, proof, or enforceability on the ground that it is in electronic form and has not been attested by any witness.” Furthermore, an electronically generated document does not require any signature or certification.
5. In view of the above, no further proceedings are required. The applicant may download the required information from the website of the public body. 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 5344-02/2026**

**Amir Baloch**

**Vs**

**Higher Education Commission (HEC)**

May 06, 2026

Abbas Raza Sial, Assistant Director, HEC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 17-03-2026, furnished written reply answering all the queries of the information request. Copy of the same was shared with the applicant, who filed a rejoinder vide letter dated 08-04-2026.
2. The Commission has examined all the record and concludes that the information required by the applicant at Serial Nos. 1, 2, and 3 is in respect of Ms. Mehwish Solangi, currently serving in the Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh.
3. The said documents relate to her degrees and the issuance of verification and equivalence certificates. Certainly, the said information pertains to the privacy of an individual and cannot be shared with a third person, as provided under Sections 7(g) and 7(h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, without the consent of the person holding the said degrees.
4. The applicant, in the rejoinder, has referred to a judgment of the Islamabad High Court recorded in WP 2491/2021 titled PHA-Foundation Vs PIC.
5. As far as the citation referred to by the applicant in his rejoinder is concerned, the same has been minutely examined by the Commission, and it has been found that although in the said citation the Islamabad High Court held that the degrees of a person are treated as private information so long as such individual does not apply for a government job, after submitting the said documents with the institution where the job is sought, the said documents become public documents, with reference made to the Freedom of Information Ordinance, 2002. Under Section 29 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, after the promulgation of the said Act, the Freedom of Information Ordinance, 2002 stands repealed, and the provisions of Sections 7(g) and 7(h) specifically exempt the disclosure of documents/information which relate to the personal privacy of

an individual. The record of a private individual cannot be shared with an applicant/citizen of Pakistan without the consent of that individual; therefore, the said record cannot be shared with the applicant.

6. As far as the remaining information is concerned, it has already been provided to the applicant, and nothing further remains to be shared. 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

**Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**

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**Appeal No 5536-03/2026**

**Nauman Ali**

**Vs**

**Pakistan State Oil**

May 06, 2026

Hana Yahya, Manager (Legal), PSO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 02-03-2026, being an ex-employee of PSO, has required from the public body, PSO employment rules and regulations, including the statutory rules. The public body, in response to the said appeal, after issuance of notice to the public body, furnished a written reply vide letter dated 15-04-2025 submitting that the information requested by the applicant pertains to issues directly forming part of proceedings pending before the Lahore High Court in WP No. 23787/2021 and is being sought by him for use in the said proceedings. It is further added that the applicant has invoked the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 to circumvent or supplement a sub judice matter.
2. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt and has filed a rejoinder vide letter dated 17-04-2026 and contested the plea of the public body. The representative of the public body appearing before this Commission has made a statement before the Commission that no employment rules and regulations governing PSO employees have been framed and all the employees of the said public body are governed under the principle of master and servant. In view of the categorical statement of the representative of the public body, without touching the controversy about the points raised by the public body that if the information is disclosed it shall prejudice the proceedings before the LHC, the fact has come to the notice of the Commission that no employment rules or regulations have been framed to govern their employment; however, terms and conditions recorded in the contract/agreement signed with the employee would govern the employment matters of the applicant. The Commission has advised the public body that seeking information is not constrained by any sub judice matter. Moreover, in the light of

the preamble of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the information sought relates to his right.

3. 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 5216-12/2025**

**Ch M Ashraf Ali Gujjar**

**Vs**

**Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)**

May 06, 2026

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

1. The public body, vide letter dated 10-02-2026, furnished written reply stating that the requisite information/documents had already been shared with the applicant in Appeal Nos. 4356 and 4616.
2. In a subsequent written reply dated 25-03-2026, the public body submitted a copy of the written reply furnished in Appeal Nos. 4356 and 4616.
3. The applicant, in his rejoinder, contested this plea, stating that an order be passed to provide a clear and documentary-based reply to the applicant's queries.
4. The Commission has noted that when the public body representative made a statement in the earlier appeals, and when in earlier Appeal No. 4356 a categorical statement was made by the representative of the public body regarding the receipt of gratuity and not taking any car from ZTBL by the Ex-President, Mr. Shahbaz Jameel, there is no need to obtain any further evidence from the public body in this regard, as sufficient record has already been provided. The Commission is also obliged to refer to the judgment of the Islamabad High Court in WP 3678/2025, wherein it has been held that the Commission, as a statutory adjudicatory body, is nonetheless required to apply principles of proportionality, reasonableness, and abuse of process inherent in public law. A request which imposes a manifestly disproportionate administrative burden, without a demonstrated nexus to public accountability, may lawfully be declined.
5. The present request of the applicant now falls within the category of burdensome and invasive requests.
6. 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

