

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 4981-10/2025**

**Muhammad Shafique**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

January 08, 2026

Applicant in person. Muhammad Usman, Deputy Secretary, MOIB, Ms. Ayesha Iftikhar, PIO, PBC and Muhammad Naeem Ashraf, Assistant Admin Officer, PBC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. In pursuance of the Para-3 of the order of the Commission dated 11-12-2025 copies of proceedings of personal hearing and letter regarding to Security breach of the Radio Pakistan is handed over the applicant present before the Commission. The representative of the public body denied presence of any letter of MOIB regarding the visit of China's delegation to the Radio Pakistan.
2. In view of above, the implementation proceedings stand settled. 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 4982-10/2025**

**Faiz Rehman**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

January 08, 2026

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Chief Information Commissioner

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**Order**

**Appeal No 4950-09/2025**

**Zeeshan Ullah**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Finance**

January 08, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 10-12-2025 under RGL No. 154263847. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has been 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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**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5111-10/2025**

**Haqnawaz Malik**

**Vs**

**Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)**

January 08, 2026

Applicant present in person. Ms. Sania Imtiaz, Deputy Director, FIA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 07-01-2025 has furnished written reply denying sharing of the required information taking plea that said information pertains to privacy of an individual and is exempted from disclosure under Section 7 (g) (h) and 16 (c) and 16 (j) (iv) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The applicant required travel history of Mr. Haseen Khan, an Afghan national, who first travel to Canada on 08-04-2005 via PIA while holding a Pakistani CNIC, passport and Canadian Embassy Visa.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and heard arguments from both sides. Admittedly, the applicant was neither working in the immigration cell on the day of departure of Mr. Haseen Khan, whose travel history is required, nor does he have any nexus with that. The applicant stated that he has been terminated from service for allegedly facilitating him. Moreover, the information required by the applicant pertains to a third person and is the private information of an individual. It is also affecting the operation of immigration control, excluding the Exit Control List (ECL). Therefore, having exemption from disclosure under the above-mentioned law, the required information cannot be furnished to the applicant.
3. 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

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**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5158-12/2025**

**Sania Shahid**

**Vs**

**Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)**

January 08, 2026

Munir Ahmed Advocate appeared on behalf of the applicant. Muhammad Junaid, Assistant Director, FIA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Written reply has not been furnished by the public body with the excuse that letters have been written to the concerned quarter for obtaining the required information, but the same has not been received so far; hence, adjournment is sought.
2. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant has submitted that earlier an appeal was filed by the applicant before the Commission, and in the order of the Commission it was mentioned that if a fresh information request and appeal are filed, applicant would be provided the required information within three days, as she had life threats at the hands of the concerned person involved in this case. Now, a second appeal has been filed by the complainant, and she has specifically mentioned in the information request that, due to the seriousness of the matter for the complainant, under Section 14(iii) of the Act, the response be shared within three days. This fact is also mentioned in the memo of the appeal. However, the staff of this Commission did not attend to this emergency due to oversight and issued notice for one month. In view of the above-said circumstances, a short adjournment is granted for filing comments/information (if not contested). Director General, FIA and Inspector General Islamabad Police is directed to ensure the life and liberty of the applicant residing at Fatima Jinnah Working Women Hostel, G-5/2, Islamabad in view of the circumstances mentioned in her appeal and information request. Copy of the order be sent to the Director General, FIA, Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Inspector General Islamabad Police.
3. Adjourned to 13-01-2026

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5077-11/25**

**Azmat Khan**

**Vs**

**Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)**

January 08, 2026

Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director and Muhammad Arif, Second Secretary, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 17-10-2025 addressed to the Chairman, FBR has request following information;
  - i. Copies of all notices issued under Section 140 of Income Tax Ordinance 2001 by RTO Sukkur for the last two years.
  - ii. List of persons or corporation to whom Section 140 notices were issued and also provide list of persons or corporation their notices were withdrawn for last two years.
2. Allegedly said information was not provided to him within the stipulated time period hence he filed this appeal. On issuance of notice from the Commission, the public body vide letter dated 04-11-2025 has furnished written reply which was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 26-11-2025 under RGL No. 154263463. The applicant vide letter dated 01-12-2025 has filed rejoinder.
3. The public body has taken a plea that the information asked for is protected from disclosure under Section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance, as amended in 2022, having an overriding effect over the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The relevant contents of Section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance are reproduced below:

*“Disclosure of information by a public servant.*

*(1) All particulars contained in—*

*(a) any statement made, return furnished, or accounts or documents produced under the provisions of this Ordinance;*

*(b) any evidence given, or affidavit or deposition made, in the course of any proceedings under this Ordinance, other than proceedings under Part XI of Chapter X; or*

*(c) any record of any assessment proceedings or any proceeding relating to the recovery of a demand,*

*shall be confidential and no public servant, save as provided in this Ordinance, may disclose any such particulars.*

*[(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984 (P.O. No. 10 of 1984), the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), the Federal Investigation Agency Act, 1974 (VIII of 1975), and the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 (XXXIV of 2017), or any other law for the time being in force, no court or any other authority shall, save as provided in this Ordinance, require any public servant to produce before it any return, accounts, or documents contained in, or forming a part of the records relating to any proceedings under this Ordinance, or declarations made under the Voluntary Declaration of Domestic Assets Act, 2018, the Foreign Assets (Declaration and Repatriation) Act, 2018, or the Assets Declaration Act, 2019, or any records of the Income Tax Department generally, or any part thereof, or to give evidence before it in respect thereof;]*

4. The applicant, in his rejoinder, has stated that the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 has an overriding effect; however, he has not mentioned anything about the amendment made in Section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. He has alleged that the documents relate to public record and need to be proactively disclosed under Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

5. He has also referred to the order of the Commission passed in Appeal No. 3426-01-2024 titled *Azmat Khan Vs FBR*. The Commission has called the file for perusal and found that the order of the Commission dated 19-03-2024 has been suspended by the Islamabad High Court in WP No. 1190-2024, which is pending for final order of the Honourable Court.

6. The representative of the public body has stated that the record demanded by the applicant comes under Section 216(1)(c) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, as amended in 2002. They have also stated that the copies of the notices issued under Section 140 of the ITO contain all personal/tax-related details of the taxpayers/defaulters.

7. Their observation about Serial No. 1 of the information request is sustained, keeping in view Section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance;

however, in Serial No. 2 of the information request, the applicant has asked for the list of persons or corporations to whom Section 140 notices were issued and also to provide the list of persons or corporations whose notices were withdrawn for the last two years. This information is of public importance and is in the interest of public revenue, which, in the view of the Commission, does not fall under the provisions of Section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. These relate to acts of omission and come within the ambit of the wisdom of lawmakers of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. This information, by any stretch, is not protected under Section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance.

8. Accordingly, the appeal is partially allowed. The Chairman, FBR, is directed to provide the list of persons or corporations to whom Section 140 notices were issued and also to provide the list of persons or corporations whose notices were withdrawn for the last two years as on 17-10-2025 to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 20 days.

9. Adjourned for implementation proceedings on 04-02-2026

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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*The applicant has required following information,*

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*The p b has furnished written reply which was shated 26 11 2026 154263463*

*Wghereupone the applicant sent a rejoinder dated 01 12 2025*

*Fix for implementation proceedings on 04-02-2026.*

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 4930-08/2025**

**Fazal Raheem Khattak**

**Vs**

**Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination**

January 08, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 10-12-2025 under RGL No. 154263848. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has been 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.

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Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 4564-03/2025**

**Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti**

**Vs**

**Capital Development Authority (CDA)**

January 08, 2026

Muhammad Ali Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply to the show cause notice has been furnished with the signature of the Chairman, CDA, stating that the delay in the submission of the reply was not intentional but rather due to departmental and procedural delay in obtaining the required information from the concerned department. It is prayed that the show cause notice may kindly be withdrawn.
2. In view of the explanation furnished by the Chairman, CDA, the show cause notice is withdrawn with the direction to remain careful in future. Required information has already been furnished and stands shared with the applicant. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to the respondent.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

