

Pakistan Information Commission
National Arcade, Block 4-A,
First Floor, (Near National Bank of Pakistan)
F-8, Markaz,
Islamabad



Appeal No-099-08-19

Shehzad Ahmed Khan

(Appellant)

Vs.

Deputy Commissioner Islamabad

(Respondent)

ORDER

Mohammad Azam: Chief Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal with the commission on 20/08/2019 in which he stated that he had requested information from Deputy Commissioner- Islamabad under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
2. The information sought by the Complainant, through application dated 26/07/2019, is as under:
 1. "List of committees have been constituted by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration along with the purpose of each committee.
 2. List of the members of each committee along with their department and designation, along with the contact details of Chairman and Secretary of each committee.
 3. Details of the date of last and next meeting dates of each committee."

B. Proceedings

3. Through a notice dated 26/08/2019, the Commission called upon the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information.
4. The Respondent did not respond to the notice and the hearing date was fixed for 10/03/2020 through the hearing notice sent on 25/02/2020 and both parties were informed accordingly.
5. No one appeared on behalf of the Respondent on the date of hearing on March 10, 2020.

C. Discussion and Commission's View on Relevant Issues

6. The requested information by the appellant falls within Section 5 (a), (b), (d) and Under 6 (d) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017. The requested information by the applicant requires proactive disclosure as the committees are constituted to carry out certain tasks for the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration. The respondent by not responding to the notice and the hearing notice issued by the Commission has shown total disrespect to the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

7. The commission is of the view that the Respondent failed to implement Section 12 and Section 13 (1) & (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 as requested information has not been provided to the appellant. The commission notes with grave concern that why the respondent has ignored the request of the appellant and has not attended the hearing.

8. The respondent has not provided the requested information to the citizen within a maximum of 20 working days of the receipt of the information request and thus failed to implement Section 14 (1) and (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

D. Order

9. The appeal is allowed. The Respondent is directed to provide the requested information to the Appellant, as per his request received by Receipt and Issue section of the ICT on August 01, 2019 at the earliest, but in any case, not later than 10 working days of the receipt of this order. Furthermore, the Respondent is directed to take immediate steps to proactively share through the web site all categories of information mentioned in Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 and submit the compliance report to the commission by 20/01/2020.

10. Copies of this order be sent to the commissioner ICT, Respondent and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on: July 15, 2020

