

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4714-05/2025

Aamir Baloch

Vs

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)

December 10, 2025 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. This appeal is already decided as the applicant vide his email dated 29-11-2025 has intimated that he is fully satisfied with the information furnished by the public body. However, up till now, reply to the show cause notice issued to the Additional Registrar, PEC has not been furnished.
2. Fresh show cause notice be issued the Additional Registrar, PEC to show cause as to why penalty may not be imposed and proceedings under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 may not be initiated against him for non-appearance before the Commission.
3. Adjourned to 14-01-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Order

Appeal No 4833-07/2025

Rizwan Majeed

Vs

Council of Islamic Ideology (CII)

December 10, 2025

Applicant present in person. Ghulam Majid, Chief Research Officer, CII appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Written reply of the show cause notice has been furnished by Dr. Ghulam Dastagir Shaheen, DG Research. It has been submitted that only one law officer in the counsel is to look after litigation matters and on the date of hearing fixed before the Commission she was engaged in three cases before the Islamabad High Court and Supreme Court of Pakistan. Request is made to withdraw the show cause notice. It is noted that the show cause notice was issued to the Chairman, CII; however, there was no Chairman, CII in office at that time; hence, reply to the show cause notice signed by Dr. Ghulam Dastagir Shaheen, DG Research, is accepted. After provision of appropriate explanation, show cause notice is withdrawn.s
2. The remaining information required at Serial No. 4 of the information request has not been furnished, but the representative of the public body has sought adjournment and has undertaken that it shall be shared within a week, which is granted.
3. Adjourned to 17-12-2025

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4763-06/2025

Naeem Sadiq

Vs

Council of Islamic Ideology (CII)

December 10, 2025

Ghulam Majid, Chief Research Officer, CII appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Required information already stands shared with the applicant, however, reply of the show cause notice was awaited. Written reply of the show cause notice has been furnished today by Dr. Ghulam Dastagir Shaheen, DG Research. It has been submitted that only one law officer in the counsel is to look after litigation matters and on the date of hearing fixed before the Commission she was engaged in three cases before the Islamabad High Court and Supreme Court of Pakistan. Request is made to withdraw the show cause notice. It is noted that the show cause notice was issued to the Chairman, CII; however, there was no Chairman, CII in office at that time; hence, reply to the show cause notice signed by Dr. Ghulam Dastagir Shaheen, DG Research, is accepted.
2. 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

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4536-02/2025

Amir Baloch

Vs

Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council (PNMC)

December 10, 2025 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The appeal was decided vide order 16-8-2025 with the directions to the public body to share hard copy of the required information subject to the payment of photocopying charges by the applicant. The applicant vide his letter dated 05-11-2025 has intimated that he deposited the photocopying charges in the concerned head of the public body and copy of the deposit slip is attached, but he has not been provided the required information.
2. The public body vide written reply to this letter has informed that the required information is available on the website of the public body and can be accessed by any citizen from the website. The reply of the public body is not acceptable. When the applicant has deposited the photocopying charges, he is entitled to get the required information in hard copy.
3. Therefore, notice be issued to the Secretary, PNMC to depute a responsible officer to appear before the Commission along with hard copy of the required information.
4. Adjourned to 14-01-2025

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 4921-09/2025

Rauf Khalid

Vs

Establishment Division

December 10, 2025

Naseer Ahmed, Deputy Secretary and Wasiqa Waheed, Section Officer (CP-V), Establishment Division appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The appeal was disposed of vide order dated 16-10-2025 after furnishing the copy of the required OM dated 29-12-2001 by the public body. Copy of the same was handed over to the applicant during hearing. The required Gazette notification which could not be provided as the representative of the public body categorically stated that this OM was not published in the Gazette. The appeal was disposed of in the manner that if he believes that the response furnished by the public body is false he may file against the public body.
2. Now the applicant vide letter dated 11-11-2025 has requested to review order of the Commission dated 16-10-2025 on certain grounds mentioned in his letter. Notice was issued to the public body on this review application and today Naseer Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, and Wasiqa Waheed, Section Officer (CP-V), Establishment Division, appeared before the Commission and furnished certified copy of the OM No. 8/2/97.CP4 dated 29-12-2001 along with cover letter.
3. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply of the public body, order of the Commission dated 16-10-2025, and contents of the review application and found that there is no reasonable ground available to get the order of the Commission reviewed as certified copy of the required OM has been provided to the applicant and if the said OM is not published in the official Gazette it cannot be provided to the applicant. it does not provide any ground for review of the order of the Commission dated 16-11-2025. Therefore, said application is dismissed; however, again certified copy of the OM furnished today be shared with the applicant. Copy of the order be also 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 4829-07/2025

Moazzam Ali Khan

Vs

Directorate General of Immigration and Passports

December 10, 2025 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The appeal was decided vide order dated 08-10-2025 and Public Information Officer, Directorate General of Immigration and Passport was directed to share the list of the individuals whose names are placed on controlled list / PCL from 2013 to date without sharing any further data. However, said order has not been implemented; rather a review petition has been filed by Assistant Director (Policy) of the public body vide letter dated 04-11-2025. Copy of the said review petition was also shared with the applicant who filed written reply and contested the plea of the public body. Today the appeal was fixed for hearing but nobody appeared on behalf of both parties. The office also contacted the office of the designated officer of the public body but phone call remained unattended.
2. Therefore, the Commission has no other option to proceed further and decide the review petition and it is decided as under,
3. The public body in the review petition has submitted that sharing of the information with private persons who may subsequently use this data / information for their personal gains and may circulate that on social media which can compromise the personal details of an individual. Moreover, it is submitted that the information sought by the applicant pertains to the officials of the SPRACO which is a sensitive department and comes within purview of National Command Authority which regulates the National Security of Pakistan which itself is covered under Section 7(e) (g) and Section 16 Clause 1(b)(iii), (c) and (e)(i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. Lastly, it is stated that as per the decision of the Federal Cabinet circulated vide IMPASS Letter No. F.No. 5/1/2023-Sec dated 23-01-2024, the Directorate General of Immigration and Passport is declared as critical infrastructure and custodian of national data which is directly linked with national security; hence order dated 08-10-2025 be reviewed in the interest of law, justice and equity.

5. The Commission has gone through the information request, written reply already furnished by the public body, rejoinder of the applicant and order passed by the Commission dated 08-10-2025 now required to be reviewed. The contents of the review petition have also been considered along with the proviso of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 contained in Section 7(e) (g) and Section 16 Clause 1(b)(iii), (c) and (e)(i) of the Act.
6. Letter of the Federal Cabinet circulated on 23-01-2024 has also been gone through. It is noted that the public body has already taken similar plea in its written reply which was duly considered by the Commission and the Commission passed order dated 08-10-2025 allowing the appeal to the extent of sharing the list of the individuals whose names are placed on controlled list / PCL without sharing their further data. Therefore, the Commission finds no grounds to accept the review petition as secrecy of the said data is already maintained and only list of the employees whose names are placed on the controlled list / PCL are required to be disclosed.
7. In view of above, review petition is disposed. Public Information Officer / Designated Officer of Directorate General of Immigration and Passport is finally directed to share the controlled list / PCL from 2013 to date with the applicant as well as with this Commission within further 10 days.
8. Adjourned to 06-01-2025

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Order

Appeal No 4805-07/2025

Wali Khan

Vs

Directorate General of Immigration and Passports

December 10, 2025 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 01-01-2025 addressed to the Public Information Officer / DG, Passport and Immigration Islamabad required certain information in respect of passports of D.I. Khan and other nearby districts to be processed in Regional Passport Office D.I. Khan since 2012 till now.
2. The public body on notice of the Commission furnished written reply dated 05-11-2025 stating that the public body is unable to provide the data as said data has been required by the applicant which is to be yet processed and sent for verification necessitate the forecasting of the future decisions that have not yet occurred. Providing any type of data that is yet to be happened would be a speculation, not official data.
3. Copy of the written reply of the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 19-11-2025 and no response has been received from the applicant.
4. The Commission has also examined the contents of the information request and has noted that most of the information required by the applicant is in respect to the data yet to be processed or verified and the public body would not be able to provide the said data in response to the said occurrence which is yet to be happened. Therefore, the appeal stands disposed of. However, the applicant would be at liberty to file fresh information request seeking information in accordance with Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. 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 **4578-02/2025**

Muhammad Usman

Vs

Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR)

December 10, 2025

Shumail Cheema, Legal Advisor, PCSIR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply of the show cause notice has been received with the signature of the Chairman, PCSIR along with covering letter dated 28-11-2025. In Para 2 of the reply of the show cause notice, it has been submitted that the Legal Consultant did not come on the next date of hearing as it was not in the knowledge of the Legal Consultant to provide the required information as per this Commission's direction inadvertently. However, on scrutiny of the order sheet, it has been noted that on 29-05-2025 Shumail Cheema (Legal Consultant), PCSIR appeared before the Commission and copy of the rejoinder was handed over to the Legal Consultant, PCSIR for its reply. Therefore, the reply of the show cause notice has been found against the record and is not acceptable. Notice be issued to the Chairman, PCSIR with direction to appear in person on the next date of hearing.
2. Adjourned to 06-01-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner