

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4421-01/2025

Ejaz Hussain

Vs

Karakoram International University (Gilgit)

December 11, 2025 Mr. Hamid Ullah, Additional Registrar, Karakoram International University (Gilgit) appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Commission vide order dated 19-11-2025 imposed penalty of fine equal to 30 days' salary to Mr. Hamid Ullah, Additional Registrar, Karakoram International University (Gilgit) as he has caused delay in sharing the required information and did not furnish any report about said delay or put his appearance before this Commission. Now a review petition has been filed by the said officer explaining his position stating that in fact the remaining information in respect of test and interview marks were not held by the public body and NTS Pakistan vide letter dated 23-10-2025 informed that said information relating to past years prior to June 2022 has been discarded as per NTS SOPs; hence the required information was no longer available in their system. It is further submitted that remaining information has been provided to the applicant in this behalf. Acknowledgment of the applicant dated 24-9-2025 is also annexed with the written reply. In addition to that, the officer has tendered unconditional apology and also submitted that he shall remain careful in future.
2. The review petition is also supported by a letter written by the Vice Chancellor, Karakoram International University who has also recommended that delay in furnishing the information to the Commission was not intentional and caused due to circumstances beyond the control of the officer.
3. The Commission has examined the review petition, acknowledgment of the applicant coupled with the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor and has found that the officer has made out his case for review of the order dated 19-11-2025 in view of the circumstances explained above.
4. Therefore, penalty awarded to the said officer vide order dated 19-11-2025 is withdrawn with the warning to the officer to remain careful in future.

5. The implementation proceeding stands completed and The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties. No further proceedings are required. 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 4982-10/2025

Faiz Rehman

Vs

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

December 11, 2025

Applicant present in person. Ms. Ayesha Iftikhar, Designated Officer / PIO, PBC and Muhammad Naeem Ashraf, Assistant Admin Officer, PBC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body has furnished a written reply vide letter dated 11-12-2025, submitting that the information required by the applicant is exempted from disclosure under Section 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and therefore cannot be shared with the applicant. It is also stated that in a similar appeal filed by Mr. Zafar Iqbal, the Commission has already held that the required information is exempted from disclosure.
2. The Commission has examined the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the order passed in Appeal No. 4855-10/2025 titled Zafar Iqbal vs. MOIB. It is found that the CCTV footage of the visit of the Chinese Delegation and the letter of the Chinese Embassy are not public records and therefore cannot be provided to the applicant. However, the applicant is entitled to receive the certified copy of the proceedings of his personal hearing, the letter of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the letter regarding the security breach of Radio Pakistan.
3. The appeal is partially allowed. The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, is directed to provide certified copies of the proceedings of the applicant's personal hearing, the letter of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the letter regarding the security breach of Radio Pakistan to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
4. Adjourned to 08-01-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

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Appeal No 4981-10/2025

Muhammad Shafique

Vs

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

December 11, 2025

Applicant present in person. Ms. Ayesha Iftikhar, Designated Officer / PIO, PBC and Muhammad Naeem Ashraf, Assistant Admin Officer, PBC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body has furnished written reply vide letter dated 11-12-2025, submitting that the information required by the applicant is exempted from disclosure under Section 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and therefore cannot be shared with the applicant. It is also stated that in a similar appeal filed by Mr. Zafar Iqbal, the Commission has already held that the required information is exempted from disclosure.
2. The Commission has examined the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, rejoinder of the applicant and the order passed in Appeal No. 4855-10/2025 titled Zafar Iqbal vs. MOIB. It is found that the CCTV footage of the visit of the Chinese Delegation and the letter of the Chinese Embassy are not public records and therefore cannot be provided to the applicant. However, the applicant is entitled to receive the certified copy of the proceedings of his personal hearing, the letter of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the letter regarding the security breach of Radio Pakistan.
3. The appeal is partially allowed. The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, is directed to provide certified copies of the proceedings of the applicant's personal hearing, the letter of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the letter regarding the security breach of Radio Pakistan to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
4. Adjourned to 08-01-2026

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Appeal No 4134-10/2024

Saddia Mazhar

Vs

Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)

December 11, 2025

Muhammad Shahid, Assistant Controller, PTVC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has furnished the reply of the show cause notice explaining that in fact the legal advisor of the public body could not appear before the Commission on 28-10-2025 on behalf of the PTV Legal Advisor as he was busy in LHC in some other cases and next date was fixed as 19-11-2025 but due to some mistake he took it as 29-11-2025 and informed the legal advisor through WhatsApp. Screenshots of the said WhatsApp conversation are also attached with the reply. In view of the explanation furnished by the representative of the public body, show cause notice is withdrawn.
2. The appeal was allowed vide order dated 13-05-2025 and Managing Director, PTVC was directed to furnish the required information to the applicant within 10 days but it has not been furnished with further excuse that post of the Managing Director is still vacant and not filled yet.
3. This is not the lawful excuse. The order of the Commission has to be implemented in letter and spirit until and unless it is suspended by the apex court.
4. In view of above, Executive Director (Special Initiative), PTVC is directed to implement the order of the Commission dated 13-05-2025 within further 10 days. Copy of the order along with order dated 13-05-2025 be sent to Executive Director (Special Initiative), PTVC.
5. Adjourned to 13-01-2026.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4707-05/2025

Asad Ali

Vs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

December 11, 2025

Asad Barki, Legal Advisor, Muhammad Ali, APS to Legal Advisor appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representatives the public body has furnished certified copy of the order dated 10-12-2025 of the Islamabad High Court passed in W.P No. 5243 of 2025 wherein the Islamabad High Court has suspended the orders of the Commission dated 30-09-2025, 28-10-2025 and 19-11-2025.
2. In view of above, the appeal is sine-die adjourned however, if the fate of the appeal is decided in favor of the applicant he may approach this Commission for implementation of the order of the Commission.

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Appeal No 4734-05/2025

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

December 11, 2025 Ch. Adeel Ashraf, SVP/PIO, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body vide letter dated 11-12-2025 has furnished implementation report, it be shared with the applicant for filing rejoinder if any.
2. Reply to the show cause notice is also furnished by Ch. Adeel Ashraf, SVP/PIO, ZTBL explaining that the order of the Commission has been implemented and the required information has not furnished. He also regrets delay in the submission of the required information and made request to withdraw the show cause notice. In view of the explanation furnished by the designated officer of ZTBL, show cause notice is drawn.
3. Adjourned to 14-01-2026

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Information Commissioner

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Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4969-09/2025

Haseeb Ahmed

Vs

Directorate General of Immigration and Passports

December 11, 2025 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Despite the fact that, vide Para 2 of the order dated 19-11-2025, a show cause notice was issued to Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director of the public body, and the same was dispatched to him under RGL No. 154263286- its delivery having been confirmed through the Pakistan Post website - the official failed to furnish the required response. This conduct is highly undesirable and contrary to the spirit of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. In these circumstances, the Commission is left with no option but to enforce the writ of the Act. The show cause notice clearly required the official to explain why penalty should not be imposed under Section 20(1)(f) of the Act.
3. Proper opportunity and notice were provided to Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director, Directorate of Immigration and Passports. Accordingly, the Commission is convinced that he merits penalty under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. Therefore, a penalty equivalent to 15 days' salary deduction is imposed on Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director, Directorate of Immigration and Passports. The penalty shall be recorded by the Director General, Directorate General of Immigration and Passports, under intimation to the Commission.
5. The Director General, Immigration and Passports, shall also ensure submission of the reply to the applicant's information request (copy enclosed). A copy of this order shall also be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Interior, for issuance of necessary directions to the Director General, Immigration and Passports, for implementation of this order.
6. Adjourned to 14-01-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4949-09/2025

Ameera Adil

Vs

Capital Development Authority (CDA)

December 11, 2025

Dr. Muhammad Ghani Ikram appeared on behalf of the applicant. Muhammad Ali, Associate of Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant's representative has stated that the information provided by the CDA is simply a copy of report compiled on the order of the Wafaqi Mohtaasib; it does not contain any objective response to the information request submitted in this appeal. Copy of the rejoinder was handed over to the counsel for the public body on the last date of hearing but no reply has been received. Moreover, reply to the show cause notice as mentioned in Para 4 of the order dated 19-11-2025 has also not been submitted. This situation needs proper attention.
2. Public Information Officer, CDA be advised to submit the response to the rejoinder as well as reply to the show cause notice by the next date of hearing.
3. Adjourned to 24-12-2025

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4939-09/2025

Ch. Shafqat Ali

Vs

Capital Development Authority (CDA)

December 11, 2025

Sharif Hussain, Director (PPP & JV), CDA appeared on behalf of the public body along with Assistant of Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate.

1. Response provided by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 28-10-2025 under RGL No. 154262649. No response has been received from him; however, in view of the plea of the public body regarding privileged and confidential information, the Commission vide Para 1 of the order dated 19-11-2025 has directed the public body to provide copy of a notification as required under Section 7(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The representative of the public body seeks time for submission of required notification, which is granted.
2. Adjourned to 24-12-2025.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner