

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5116-10/2025

Imaan Zainab Hazir

Vs

Attorney General of Pakistan

January 13, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The facts of the matter are that the applicant has moved an appeal on October 20, 2025, against the Director General, NCCIA, Secretary, MOI, and the Attorney General of Pakistan in one go. She had filed this appeal on the basis of an information request filed before these authorities on October 10, 2025.
2. The information request is also addressed collectively. The office raised a query to the applicant on October 29, 2025, on the appeal in view of Section 11(i) of the Act, which states that, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, a citizen of Pakistan may make a request to a public body through the designated official.
3. The language of the law is very clear; the office asked the applicant to identify against which public body she would like to proceed, and in case she wants to pursue the matter against all the three bodies, separate information requests and appeals are to be filed against each public body in accordance with the Act. The applicant, instead of realizing this legal aspect, wrote a letter raising some presumptive assertions and insisted on proceeding further, and alleged that the Commission was creating a roadblock in the exercise of her right to information.
4. The Commission showed grace and treated the combined appeal as one each against the three public bodies instead of giving an outright reply under the law. The applicant herself is an advocate of the High Court, and it was expected that she would appreciate the spirit of the law.
5. Two notices dated 17-11-2025 and 13-12-2025 were issued, but no response has been received. Let another notice be issued to the Attorney General of Pakistan for placing personal indulgence on the matter and to provide a response to avoid legal issues.
6. Adjourned to 03-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Order

Appeal No 5158-12/2025

Sania Shahid

Vs

Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)

January 13, 2026

Munir Ahmed Advocate appeared on behalf of the applicant. Sajjad Ibrahim, Deputy Director (Law), Muhammad Junaid, Assistant Director, FIA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body has made efforts and provided the information sought by the applicant from Serial No. 1 to 8 of the information request, except the one at Serial No. 6, which relates to the theft of sensitive CTW files by an officer, as, according to the representative of the public body, these are covered under the aspect of security matters and source information, which come under the purview of Section 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. The matter was discussed with both parties, and the applicant agrees that the matter comes within the ambit of the national security of the country; hence, he does not press the information mentioned at Serial No. 6 of the information request further.
3. In view of the above, the applicant's concerns have been addressed, and 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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Imaan Zainab Hazir

Vs

National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA)

January 13, 2026

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4. The Commission showed grace and treated the combined appeal as one each against the three public bodies instead of giving an outright reply under the law. The applicant herself is an advocate of the High Court, and it was expected that she would appreciate the spirit of the law.
5. Two notices dated 17-11-2025 and 13-12-2025 were issued, but no response has been received. Let final notice be issued to the Director General, NCCIA highlighting provision of Section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 in order to avoid legal Actions.
6. Adjourned to 03-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 4894-08/2025

Imam Bakhsh

Vs

Ministry of Interior

January 13, 2026

Niaz Muhammad, Joint Secretary (law), Abdul Salam, Deputy Secretary (FIA), Fahad Munir, Section Officer (FIA), Ministry of Interior appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Joint Secretary (FIA/PE) has submitted a reply to the show-cause notice issued to him on December 11, 2025, under RGL No. 154833285. The officer has stated that the information sought has elements of the privacy rights of third parties and may adversely affect the integrity of the promotion mechanism. He has submitted that the response was prepared through the ministerial process and approval was obtained in this regard. He has further stated that the Ministry has remained represented before the Commission throughout the proceedings. He stated that no specific notice or directions were ever issued requiring his personal appearance, and hence no wilful disregard has been committed. He stated that the matter was handled in good faith through due process without any deliberate non-implementation of the Commission's order. In view of the submissions, he has requested to withdraw the show-cause notice. In view of an exhaustive reply by the officer and his request for withdrawal of the notice, the Commission considers it appropriate to withdraw the show-cause notice.
2. A new response has been submitted by the public body vide letters dated 01-01-2026 and 09-01-2026, highlighting that the disclosure of the information would infringe the privacy rights of third parties and would also prejudice the internal processes of the departments regarding promotions, which would compromise the integrity of the promotion mechanism.
3. They have taken the plea of Section 16(1)(c)(i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, which they state they could not raise during the proceedings of the appeal before the passing of the order. They have also stated in their reply that their contentions have been approved by the Minister of Interior.

4. This has given rise to an interesting situation whereby an order on the appeal has been made. A new plea has been taken by the public body in the implementation proceedings. The Commission is an appellate forum where appeals do not lie against its own orders; therefore, it is all the more important that the matter needs to be looked into with a view that no aspect of the law is ignored.
5. In view of this situation, let a formal hearing be held, for which notice be issued to the applicant as well for responding to the assertions of the public body now presented, for which a copy of their response dated 09-01-2026 may be sent to him.
6. The public body is also directed to come fully prepared to contest its case.
7. Adjourned to 04-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No 4876-08/2025

Agha Hassan Khurshid

Vs

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

January 13, 2026

Ch. Adeel Ashraf, SVP/PIO, ZTBL and Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The matter has been swinging between the public body and the applicant with the sharing of information and rejoinders. The Commission has minutely examined the information request, appeal, response of the public body, and rejoinder, and arrives at the following conclusion:
 - i. The public body shall provide the complete service file of the applicant from 27-07-2009 to 25-01-2022. It may withhold any element of privacy that is covered under The Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
 - ii. The query about the provision of law under which Shahbaz Jameel portrays himself as President Bank has been responded to by the public body in pursuance of the Federal Government authority under Section 11 of the Banks (Nationalization) Act, 1974.
 - iii. The query regarding the provision of a copy of the law under which Shahbaz Jamil has claimed that he was vested with the alleged powers as mentioned in the dismissal order dated 25-01-2022 has also been responded to by the public body by stating that all such powers attached to the office of the President are derived from Section 11 of the Banks (Nationalization) Act, 1974.
 - iv. The query regarding the HEC-attested academic credentials upon which ZTBL relied and, after its entire satisfaction, confirmed the applicant into service vide letter dated 27-03-2010 shall be provided by the public body to the applicant.
2. The appeal has to be settled objectively by addressing the requirements of law and analyzing the request of the applicant legally in an impersonal manner. The appeal is accordingly decided in the manner mentioned above, and 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 4764-06/2026

Faizan Kirmani

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (Large Taxpayer office)

January 13, 2026

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

1. The appeal was decided vide order dated 21-08-2025. The applicant has approach the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat with the allegation of the wrong application of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 by the Pakistan Information Commission (PIC). The Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat has forwarded the complaint for prompt, kind and sympathetic consideration.
2. The matter has been examined. It has been observed that a detailed order in the applicant jurisdiction of the PIC has already been passed on 21-08-2025 (copy enclosed). In addition, the FBR (public body) provided a response dated 21-07-2025 stating that no violation was established against the company by the Inland Revenue Officers (Copies enclosed). In view of the above position, it has been observed that the order passed by the PIC on 21-08-2025 is within the ambit of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and any opinion of the applicant is based on improper appreciation of law. The matter stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretarait in response to their letter No. WMS-KHI/0015842/25 dated 24-12-2025.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Mahar Muneer Hussain

Vs

Supreme Court of Pakistan

January 13, 2026

None present from both sides. This matter has also been received from the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat vide letter No. WMS-HQR/0011035/25 dated 27-12-2025 regarding non action on the appeal of Mr. Munir Hussain for prompt kind and sympathetic consideration. The matter has been examined and it is observed that the appeal filed by the applicant is on the basis of information request addressed to the Honorable Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan. In this regard the applicant was conveyed vide dated 18-11-2025 under RGL No. 154263244 that in view of the law the laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in Civil Petition No. 3532 of 2023 reported in PLD 2024 Supreme Court 192 this appeal is not maintainable as the Supreme Court of Pakistan has held that they do not come under the preview of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

2. The applicant may approach the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in the light of Para's 14 to 19 of the judgment referred to above (copy of the judgment is enclosed). The matter stands disposed of accordingly. Copy of this order be sent to the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat in response to their letter No. WMS in response to their letter No. WMS-HQR/0011035/25 dated 27-12-2025.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

