

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4914-08/25

Aftab Ahmed

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

January 14, 2026

Applicant present in person. Ghulam Mustafa Qureshi Advocate along with Usman Ahmed, Manager (HR), PMDC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply to the show cause notice has been furnished by the Managing Director of the public body, submitting that due to oversight of the date of hearing, the representative of the public body could not appear. It is further added that non-appearance was not intentional and the said non-appearance is regretted. Further, the required information has also been furnished vide letter dated 13-01-2025. Although the complainant has recorded a note on the shared information that the required information is not provided to the applicant, the Commission has noted that information in respect to both the queries has been furnished.
2. As far as the legality of the payment of salary to Mr. Ghulam Murtaza, Ex Office Assistant, is concerned, this controversy is not to be settled by this Commission as it is beyond its domain; however, since the required information is furnished and stands shared with the applicant, no further proceedings are required.
3. In view of the explanation furnished by the MD, PMDC, and since he has regretted non-appearance, the show cause notice is withdrawn. 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 4680-04/2025

Muhammad Sagheer Khan

Vs

Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue (ADCR)

January 14, 2026

Applicant present in person. Malik Abdur Rahman Advocate, Riaz Ali Shah, Naib Tehsildar Office, appeared on behalf of the respondent.

1. In compliance with the order of the Commission dated 29-10-2025, the public body has furnished the required information in respect of the year 1984-85, which was handed over to the applicant present before the Commission. The applicant objected that the record from one Jild has been furnished and the record of the remaining two Jilds has not been provided. However, Riaz Ali Shah, NTO, present before the Commission, has categorically stated that the required record comprises only one Jild and no record is available other than this.
2. In view of the categorical statement of Riaz Ali Shah, NTO, 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

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Appeal No 5112-10/2025

Muhammad Waseem Elahi

Vs

Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman's) Secretariat

January 14, 2026

Faisal Hassan, APS, Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat appeared on behalf of the public body. ‘

1. The public body, in response to the notice issued by the Commission on the appeal, has furnished a written reply along with relevant documents vide letter dated 28-11-2025. Said information was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt, but vide his letter dated 03-12-2025 has submitted that he has not been provided with a certified copy of the order sheet which was maintained during the course of proceedings of this complaint. The public body, vide letter dated 12-01-2026, in response to the said rejoinder, has submitted that under clause 7(a) read with section 6, copies of the order sheet or, for that matter, noting on the file is not a public record; hence, said information cannot be provided.
2. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply furnished by the public body, and the relevant provisions of the law on the subject. Under section 7(a), it is provided that noting on the file is excluded from disclosure under section 6, subject to the final decision by the public body. Admittedly, the final decision has been made on the complaint of the applicant, and interim orders are now not exempted from disclosure after the final decision of the public body on the complaint. Therefore, the plea of the public body is not applicable.
3. The appeal is therefore allowed. In-Charge, Wafaqi Mohtasib – Regional Office, Gulzar-e-Ibraheem Street, Gill Road, Gujranwala, is directed to furnish certified copies of the order sheet within 10 days to the applicant as well as to this Commission.
4. Adjourned to 10-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4714-05/2025

Aamir Baloch

Vs

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)

January 14, 2026

Amir Waqas, Director (MIS), PEC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply to the show cause notice has been furnished by the Registrar, PEC and delay in compliance of the order of the Commission is regretted. The required information is already furnished and stand shared with the applicant. Therefore, in view of the explanation furnished by the public body, show cause notice is withdrawn. No further proceedings are required. Copy of the order be sent to the public body.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 5135-09/2025

S.M. Raza Ali

Vs

Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP)

January 14, 2026

Shahid Kareem, Deputy Director, Zafar Iqbal, Audit Officer,
AGP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 24-12-2025 under RGL No. 154833471. 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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Appeal No 5062-10/2025

Yasir Talib

Vs

National Assembly of Pakistan

January 14, 2026

Moazaam Malik, Assistant, National Assembly Secretariat appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 10-11-2025, has furnished the required information; however, information pertaining to the President of Pakistan Secretariat was stated to be obtained from the said Secretariat. Copy of the said reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 13-11-2025 under RGL No. 154263277, but no response has been received from the applicant.
2. Today, the representative of the public body has furnished a copy of the National Commission for Minorities Rights (Amended) Act, 2025. Copy of the same be shared with the applicant. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties. As a period of more than 20 days, as required under the Access to Information Regulations, 2023, has 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

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4969-09/2025

Haseeb Ahmed

Vs

Directorate General of Immigration and Passports

January 14, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Commission vide order dated 11 12 2025 awarded penalty of 15 days salary deduction to Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director, Directorate General of Immigration and Passport as he failed to implement the order of the commission and also did not filed reply to the show cause notice issued under Section 20 (1) (f) of the RTI Act, 2017.
2. The Director General, Immigration and Passport was directed to recover the said penalty and submit compliance report in addition to that Director General was also directed to submit the required information before ethe Commission
3. Copy of the order was also sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Interior for issuance of necessary directions to the Director General, Immigration and Passport for implementation of the order of the commission. The order was sent through RGL No. 154833190 and its delivery ahs been confirmed from the website of the Pakistan Post but in spite of that neither compliance report has been furnished by Director General nor any report has been received in respect of the recovery of the penalty from the salary of the Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director, Directorate General of Immigration and Passport.
4. In view of the said situation, Accountant General, Pakistan revenue (AGPR) is directed to recover penalty equal to 15 days salary of Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director, Directorate General of Immigration and Passport and submit

report about said recovery before the Commission till next date of hearing.

5. Fresh show cause notice be issued to the Director General, Immigration and Passport 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 he failed to implement the 10-11-2025. Copy of the said notice be also sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Interior.
6. Adjourned to 11-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 4536-02/2025

Amir Baloch

Vs

Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council (PNMC)

January 14, 2026

Umair Mehmood Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. This appeal was disposed of vide order of the Commission dated 16-07-2025 in the manner that the applicant shall deposit photocopying charges at the rate of Rs. 7 per page, and the public body shall provide him certified copies of the required information.
2. The applicant, vide his complaint dated 05-11-2025, has reported that he deposited photocopying charges in the concerned bank account of the public body on 01-08-2025, and he annexed a copy of the bank deposit slip. On the complaint of the applicant, notice was issued to the public body.
3. Today, Umair Mehmood, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the public body and submitted a written reply stating that the required information is already available on the website of the public body and is easily accessible to anybody. A similar reply was already received, and the Commission, vide order dated 10-12-2025, observed that mere availability of the information on the website of the public body is not sufficient because the applicant has deposited the photocopying charges for obtaining a hard copy of the required information. In view of the above, the head of the public body has failed to provide certified copies of the required information.
4. In view of the above, let a show cause notice be issued to the Secretary, Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council, to show cause as to why a 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 failing to comply with the order of the Commission.
5. Adjourned to 11-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 4734-05/2025

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

January 14, 2026

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

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 05-05-2025, required a copy of the agenda and BOD meeting bearing No. 102 verbatim. The public body, vide letter dated 11-12-2025, furnished a certified copy of the extract of the agenda along with its approval.
2. This was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt and filed a rejoinder vide email dated 23-12-2025, stating that he has not been provided the required information in verbatim. Hence, request is made to penalize the Public Information Officer under section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of appeal, written reply furnished by the applicant, and rejoinder filed by the applicant, and found that the public body has furnished certified copy of the extract of the agenda of the meeting which addresses the information request. The mere fact that said information is not in verbatim is no ground to penalize the public body, as it is not provided in the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, that the information sought must be provided verbatim. Hence, 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 4625-04/2025

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

January 14, 2026

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

1. The appeal was disposed of vide order dated 25-11-2025 after sharing the required information. However, the applicant, vide email dated 09-12-2025, has submitted that the reply submitted by ZTBL on 25-11-2025 was received on 08-12-2025 and he had already filed an application vide letter dated 08-12-2025. However, in view of the bank reply received, a subsequent request is made to submit another application under section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. It is further prayed that proceedings under section 20(2) be initiated against the Public Information Officer, ZTBL.
2. The Commission, after going through the contents of the email dated 09-12-2025, noted that since the appeal already stands disposed of after sharing the required information with the applicant, with the further observation that if the applicant believes that said information was misleading or false, he can file a separate complaint before the Commission. Therefore, at this stage, allowing further written reply as prayed by the applicant is not appropriate after finalization of the appeal.
3. Therefore, this application is dismissed. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

