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**In the Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad
Appeal No 1593-12/21**

Kashif Ali

(Appellant)

Vs.

Pakistan Mineral Development Company

(Respondent)

ORDER

Date: April 20, 2022

Zahid Abdullah: Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated December 30, 2021, to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to the Pakistan Mineral Development Company (PMDC) Head Office on December 27, 2021 under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 but did not receive the requested information from the public body.
2. The information sought by the Appellant is as follows:
 - 1) *"To provide me recent/latest annual land lease rental prices per acre per annum to be paid to land owners against their hired lands to be determined/ fixed through negotiating process with land owners in all fields/districts etc under company's administrative control throughout Pakistan.*
 - 2) *What are the other sources of fixation of annual land Lease/rental compensation per acre per annum*
 - 3) *To provide temporary/permanent land acquisition rates per acre to be paid to land owners through concerned land acquisition officers in all the fields/districts under administrative control of the company from 2016 to date.*
 - 4) *what is status of employees of the company through third party contractors including chowkidars/ security guards whether they are being paid from 5% from company's yearly profit or not.*
 - 5) *Mention govt shares in company & also other main Shareholders.*
 - 6) *Whether all the employees of company are being paid according to minimum wages announced by respective government for year 2021.*
 - 7) *To provide existing rates of following crops/trees etc per acre destroys/damages due to land hiring to be paid to affected land owners."*

B. Proceedings

3. The record on the file shows that the Respondent, NTDC submitted its response on December 21, 2021 and its relevant portions are as under:

"1. That It is clarified that no Lease has ever been taken from any private Land owner

2. *That this Para is also not related to respondent company as there is no concept of compensation per acre per annum*
3. *That is Para not related to respondent company as no Land has be acquired by company through land acquisition*
4. *That this Para is also irrelevant as no employee of the company was/is hired through third party*
5. *That it is submitted with regard to this Para that 100% shares of the company are with Government and there is no other shareholder*
6. *That no employee is being paid the salary less than the minimum wages announced by the Government for the years 2021*
7. *The contents of this Para is not correct as no Land has ben hired from any individual land owners.*

In view of above: it is therefore, respectfully prayed that the instant appeal may. kindly be rejected as no information is related to the respondent company which is required by the applicant”.

C. Discussion and Commission’s View on Relevant Issues

4. This commission holds that the requested information available with the Respondent has been provided to the Appellant. Furthermore, the Respondent is not custodian of certain information/records requested by the Appellant and the same has been intimated to the Appellant.
5. It is encouraging to note that more and more citizens are exercising their right of access to information held by federal public bodies. This commission has observed that often citizens find it difficult to write proper requests for information. In this connection, ‘7 Cs of Effective Request for Information’, developed by this commission and available on its web site in the Information Desk category can be helpful in filing proper requests for information.

D. Order

6. The Appeal is disposed of as the requested information has been provided to the Appellant.
7. Copies of this Order be sent to the Respondent and the Appellant for information.

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on: April 20, 2022

This order consists of 2 (two) pages, each page has been read and signed.