

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5261-01/2026

Aftab Ahmad Khan

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

April 16,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. The written reply/information furnished by the public body vide letter dated 03-03-2026 was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 05-03-2026, and the applicant has acknowledged its receipt and filed a rejoinder vide letter dated 10-03-2026, stating that he has not been provided the information cited at Serial Nos. 1, 2, 6, and 7 of the information request. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder of the applicant.

2. As far as the information required at Serial Nos. 3, 4, and 5 is concerned, it has been provided and the applicant is satisfied with that.
3. Regarding the information cited at Serial Nos. 1, 2, and 7, the public body has categorically stated that no advertisement was issued at the time of the appointment of Muhammad Raza Hanif, no advertisement was issued, no interview was conducted for this appointment, and no responsibility was fixed by PMDC regarding the appointment of the said officer. After categorical reply, no order can be passed directing the public body to provide information which is not held by the public body; therefore, the objection of the applicant is not sustainable and is turned down to this extent.
4. As far as the information cited at Serial No. 6 is concerned, the applicant has requested the complete record of disbursement of salaries along with other benefits, i.e., medical bonus, etc., from the date of joining till date. The public body has responded that the documents asked to be produced are neither public record nor covered under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
5. The Commission has examined this matter and noted that under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the principal officer of each public body shall, within six months of the commencement of this Act, ensure that the description of the

public body's organization and functions, duties, powers, and any services it provides to the public, including a directory of its officers and employees indicating their duties, is duly published, including uploading on the internet or in a manner which best ensures that these are accessible, subject to reasonable restrictions based on limited resources.

6. Under the above provision of law, the directory of officers and employees indicating their duties and functions and respective remuneration, perks, and privileges is to be displayed on the internet, meaning thereby that the information required by the applicant about disbursement of salaries is not exempt from disclosure, except for records relating to personal privacy, including date of birth, CNIC, address, and medical history, etc.
7. In view of the above, the appeal stands disposed of in the manner that, except for the information cited at Serial No. 6 of the information request, the remaining information has been provided. Muhammad Usman Batth, Public Information Officer, PMDC, is directed to furnish the record regarding disbursement of the salaries of Muhammad Raza Hanif, excluding records relating to his personal privacy, including date of birth, CNIC, address, and medical history, etc., to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
8. Adjourned to 19-05-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 5338-02/2026

Amir Baloch

Vs

National Highway Authority (NHA)

April 16,2026

Ghani Sarwar, Office Assistant, NHA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Written reply has not been furnished by the public body however, the representative the public body has submitted that the respondent/public body vide letter dated 22-01-2026 has informed the applicant to pay/deposit the photocopying charges Rs. 2500/- in NHA Account through cross cheque in order to have the required information and documents.
2. Since the public body is ready to provide the required information subject to the payment of photocopying charges and according to Regulation 3 of the Access to Information (Fee) Regulations, 2023 of the Commission, the public body is bound to share with the applicant the required information containing 20 pages free of cost and for remaining documents charges per copy fixed by the Commission are Rs. 7/- per page. In view of the above, the respondent/public body is directed to provide the required information to the applicant subject to payment of Rs. 7/- per page. The applicant is directed to pay/deposit the photocopying charges in NHA account through cross cheque and send the copy of the same to this Commission in order to have the required information from the public body. No further proceedings are required, and 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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Order

Appeal No 4955-09/2025

Tariq Badar

Vs

National Bank of Pakistan (NBP)

April 16,2026

Applicant present in person. Naeema Qadir Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Partial arguments heard; learned counsel for the public body has sought some time for seeking instructions from the public body for provision of the required information.
2. This appeal is lingering on since Sep 2025. The Commission is obligated to decide the appeal within 60 days under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Sufficient opportunity has been provided to the public body for a simple detail which has been sought in the information request. Payments from public money are documented records and are kept as a matter of practice and policy.
3. The President, NBP, is directed to provide this specific information by Tuesday, 21-04-2026, positively. This order be conveyed to him by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the public body.
4. The learned counsel would also communicate to the public body to send a senior representative along with them on the next date of hearing.
5. Adjourned to 21-04-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 5253-01/2026

Abid Khan

Vs

Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority

April 16,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant filed an information request addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, IHRA on 23-12-2025 seeking certain information. Allegedly, the said information was not provided by the public body to the applicant, whereupon he filed this appeal.
2. After the institution of the appeal, the Commission issued two notices to the public body, first on 09-01-2026 and second on 29-01-2026, respectively. The last notice was sent through RGL No. 170311389, and service of the said notice has been confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post. In the notice dated 29-01-2026, it is specifically mentioned that if nobody appeared on behalf of the public body, an ex parte decision shall be recorded by the Commission. Since delivery of the notice has been confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post and presumption of truth is attached through Pakistan Post, therefore, there are sufficient grounds to decide the appeal ex parte; hence, the appeal is disposed of as under.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and memo of appeal. The applicant, being a citizen of Pakistan, has sought copy of the Appeal No. 7777 and copies of the documents annexed with the application No. 11398 dated 20-01-2025.
4. The Commission has noted that the applicant has not mentioned details of the documents annexed with the application No. 11398 dated 20-01-2025 as required under Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
5. In view of the above, the appeal is partially allowed. The Chief Executive Officer, IHRA is directed to provide copy of the Appeal No. 7777 to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days. Furthermore, the applicant is entitled to file a fresh information request mentioned complete details of the documents annexed with the application No. 11398 dated 20-01-

2025 as required under Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, if he so desire. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

6. Adjourned to 21-05-2026 for submission of implementation report.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 5310-01/2026

Rahman Muzaffar

Vs

Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP)

April 16, 2026

Mr. Muzammil Aftab, Legal Consultant, CCP appeared on behalf of the public body and submitted authority letter.

1. This appeal stems from an information request filed by the applicant seeking record relating to his complaint concerning certain allegations against a private company. He sought the following record,

1. Internal file notes, assessments, and noting made by CCP officials concerning Complaint No. 4207.

2. Reasoned decision or analysis supporting the determination (if any) that the matter does not fall within the ambit of the Competition Act, 2010.

3. Any correspondence, instructions, emails, or directives issued internally regarding the handling or closure of my complaint.

4. Details of file movement, including dates and officers involved in reviewing or processing the complaint.

5. Verification of whether any inquiry proposal under Section 29 or suo motu consideration under Section 37 was undertaken.

6. Any official minutes or deliberation records where decisions regarding my complaint were discussed.

7. Procedural criteria or guidelines (if applied) used to classify the complaint as outside CCP jurisdiction.

2. The appeal was referred to the public body for comments, which in its letter dated 29-01-2026 stated that the complaint was closed after careful examination, as it did not constitute a violation under the Competition Act, 2010. The public body has invoked Section 7(a), (b), and (c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, stating that the information sought is excluded from disclosure. The response of the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 13-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311592; no response has been received, but the matter involves adjudication as the public body has claimed

exemption from disclosure of the record under Section 7(a), (b), and (c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

3. All ingredients of the information request (07) were examined one by one in consultation with the representative of the public body, and it was found that the matter at the end of the public body has been finalized. In view of the language of Section 7(a), (b), and (c), the exemption is valid only until the matter is not finalized.
4. In the present case, the matter has been finalized by the public body, and as such, the exemption sought under Section 7(a), (b), and (c) would not apply.
5. In view of the above, the Public Information Officer/Registrar, CCP, is directed to provide this information to the Commission as well as to the applicant within 10 days of the order. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.
6. Adjourned to 19-05-2026 for submission of implementation report.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 5406-02/2026

Asad

Vs

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

April 16, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. This appeal has originated on the basis of an information request from the applicant, Asad. Two notices have been issued to the Registrar, NEPRA, for the provision of information/appearance, but no response has been received, which is against the spirit of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. In the notice dated 16-03-2026 sent under RGL No. 170312463, it is specifically mentioned that if nobody appears on behalf of the public body, an ex parte decision shall be recorded by the Commission. Since delivery of the notice has been confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post and presumption of truth is attached thereto, there are sufficient grounds to decide the appeal ex parte.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and found that the information required by the applicant is public record and does not enjoy any exemption under any provision of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. Accordingly, the Registrar, NEPRA, is directed to provide the following information within 10 days of receipt:
 - i. Recent rent agreement of NEPRA Islamabad.
 - ii. Annual report of NEPRA for the year 2023-2024.
5. In view of the above non-response and non-appearance before the Commission, let a show cause notice also be issued to the Registrar/Public Information Officer, NEPRA, 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 not responding to the Commission's notice, withholding the information, and non-appearance before the Commission.

6. Adjourned to 19-05-2026 for submission of the implementation report and also reply to the show cause notice.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 5407-02/2026

Asad

Vs

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

April 16,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. This appeal has originated on the basis of an information request from the applicant, Asad. Two notices have been issued to the Registrar, NEPRA, for the provision of information/appearance, but no response has been received, which is against the spirit of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. In the notice dated 16-03-2026 sent under RGL No. 170312465, it is specifically mentioned that if nobody appears on behalf of the public body, an ex parte decision shall be recorded by the Commission. Since delivery of the notice has been confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post and presumption of truth is attached thereto, there are sufficient grounds to decide the appeal ex parte.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and found that the information required by the applicant is public record and does not enjoy any exemption under any provision of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. Accordingly, the Registrar, NEPRA, is directed to provide the following information within 10 days of receipt:
 - i. List of all officers/employees of NEPRA.
 - ii. Annual report of NEPRA for the year 2024–25.
 - iii. Utility bills, including internet, electricity, and gas bills of NEPRA for the months of July 2025 to October 2025.

5. In view of the above non-response and non-appearance before the Commission, let a show cause notice also be issued to the Registrar/Public Information Officer, NEPRA, 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 not responding to the Commission's notice, withholding the information, and non-appearance before the Commission.
6. Adjourned to 19-05-2026 for submission of the implementation report and also reply to the show cause notice.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 4496-02/2025

Nauman Ali Haider

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

April 16,2026

Khalid Hameed, Assistant, ETPB appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has submitted a reply to the show cause notice, regretting his absence during the hearing on December 24, 2025, stating that he was out of station for another assignment; hence, he could not appear before the Commission. He further submitted that his absence was not intentional and regretted his absence. In view of the above, the show cause notice issued is withdrawn.
2. The representative of the public body further submitted that compliance with the order of the Commission dated 07-10-2025 is beyond the capacity of the ETPC, Rawalpindi Office, as this information pertains to various areas of the country and the information request was addressed to the Chairman, ETPB, and in the order, directions were also given to the Chairman, ETPB. Piece-meal information has been provided to the extent that items No. 1 and 2 have been provided. The applicant is agitating the non-provision of the information in accordance with his information request dated 06-02-2025. Let copy of the order dated 07-10-2025 and the information request of the applicant be sent to the Chairman, ETPB, along with this order, for provision of the remaining information within 20 days.
3. Adjourned to 20-05-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner