

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5100-10/25

Sajjad

Vs

NEECA

February 17, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body furnished a written reply stating 11 queries of

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Order

Appeal No 5046-10/2025

Nadir Khan

Vs

Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication

February 17, 2026

Muhammad Tayyab, Documents Specialist, Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 16.11.2025 addressed to the Secretary, MOIT&T, required a copy of laws, rules, and regulations governing rents/leases of PTCL, laws governing distribution of PTCL shares, and information in respect of the Ministry's role in oversight of PTCL's leases/rents and share distribution.
2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to the applicant; therefore, he filed an appeal. On notice of the appeal, the respondent furnished a written reply vide letter dated 15.01.2026 and submitted that the information required by the applicant is in respect of rules and regulations governing rents/leases of PTCL, laws governing distribution of PTCL shares, and information in respect of the Ministry's role in oversight of PTCL's leases/rents and share distribution.
3. The required information is in respect of PTCL, and the Islamabad High Court, in its judgment dated 11.01.2022 passed in WP No. 2688/2021 titled as PTCL vs. PIC etc., has held that:
4. It was held that while considering the legal aspects, PTCL does not fall within the definition of a public body provided under Section 2(ix) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017,

and the PIC does not have any jurisdiction to pass any order relating to the business of PTCL. It was further added that PTCL is not established by federal law and is not controlled by the Federal Government; hence, information in respect of the said entity is not provided to MOIT&T. A copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt and filed a rejoinder stating that the response of the respondent is misleading, as the apex court did not exclude MOIT&T.

5. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the judgment of the Islamabad High Court recorded in WP No. 2688/2021 titled as PTCL vs. PIC etc.
6. The Commission has found that although this appeal is not filed against PTCL, the information required by the applicant is in respect of the working record and business of PTCL. The Islamabad High Court, in the above-said judgment, has categorically held that PTCL does not come within the definition of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and is outside the jurisdiction of this Commission.
7. In view of the above-said situation, when the information required by the applicant is in respect of PTCL and is not held by MOIT&T, directions cannot be issued to MOIT&T to provide information relating to PTCL.
8. In view of the judgment of the Islamabad High Court in the above-mentioned WP, the Commission would not like to express its comments on the judgment, as it is in the field and would go by it. However, the applicant may approach the courts of law for any judicial recourse in case he feels that the information held by PTCL is with a public body under the Act. In view of the above, 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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Order

Appeal No 5050-10/2025

Raja Zaheer Ahmed

Vs

Ministry of Finance

February 17, 2026 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The appeal was allowed vide order dated 16.12.2025, directing the public body to furnish the required information, but at the stage of implementation, the public body, vide letter dated 30.12.2025, submitted that the reference cited in the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 application was found to be incomplete, and in the absence of the complete reference, it was not possible to trace the origin of the required Office Memorandum or identify the relevant files/records containing the noting, approval, or legal basis relied upon for its issuance.
2. Copy of the said letter was sent to the applicant vide letter dated 20.01.2026 under RGL No. 154834411, directing him to provide the required information to the public body, enabling the public body to trace the required information, and service of delivery of the said notice has been confirmed, but no response has been received; therefore, until and unless the query is clarified, the required information cannot be provided by the public body.
3. Since the applicant has failed to clarify the said query, the implementation proceedings stand closed. 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 5061-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Ministry of Communication and Postal Services

February 17, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide information request dated 30-09-2025 required the following record/ information;
 - i. *Total number of formal departmental inquiries conducted in the Pakistan Postal Services Department where the concluding enquiry report was signed by Mr. Syed Afaq Ahmad, a civil servant belonging to the 36th Common Training Program (CTP).*
 - ii. *Certified Copies of all finalized departmental inquiries signed and conducted by Mr. Syed Afaq Ahmad, a civil servant belonging to 36th Common Training Program (CTP).*
2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to him; hence, he filed this appeal.
3. The public body, in reply to the notice issued in this appeal, filed a written reply vide letter dated 30-12-2025 and submitted that Pakistan Post Office, vide letter dated 14-11-2025 (copy enclosed), has reported that, in the light of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, a reply to the applicant had already been issued on 27-10-2025. Furthermore, it was submitted that officer Syed Afaq Ahmed, 36th Common Training Program, was appointed in PPOD on 01-09-1999 and relinquished charge on 04-03-2013 upon his appointment as Additional Director, NAB.
4. It was finally stated that the request of the applicant cannot be entertained under Rules 16(b)(ii) and 16(1)(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
5. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt and filed a rejoinder vide letter dated 01-12-2025, contesting the plea of the public body and claiming that none of the information enjoys exemption from disclosure under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
6. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of the appeal, written reply furnished by the

public body, and rejoinder of the applicant. The relevant provisions have also been gone through.

7. The applicant has required the total number of formal departmental inquiries conducted in the Pakistan Postal Services Department where the concluding inquiry report was signed by Mr. Syed Afaq Ahmad, a civil servant belonging to the 36th Common Training Program (CTP).

He has also required certified copies of all finalized departmental inquiries signed and conducted by Mr. Syed Afaq Ahmad, a civil servant belonging to the 36th Common Training Program (CTP).

8. Under Section 5(i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the inquiry/investigation reports are to be duly published, including uploading over the internet, within six months of the commencement of this Act.
9. As far as the exemption claimed by the public body under Section 16(1)(c) is concerned, it is provided under the said provision that information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would involve an invasion of the privacy of an identified individual, including a deceased individual, other than the applicant. This exception shall not apply where:
 - i. The third party has consented to the disclosure of the information;
 - ii. The person making the request is the guardian of the third party or the next of kin or the executor of the will of the deceased;
 - iii. The third party is or was an official of a public body and the information relates to his functions as a public official.
10. In the case in hand, the departmental inquiries conducted by the above-mentioned officer have not been stated by the public body to be documents involving the privacy of an individual and are to be disclosed under Section 5(i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
11. The other provision, 16(b)(ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, provides that information may be exempt if its disclosure is likely to reveal the identity of a confidential source of information. The said provision is also not applicable in this case, as the applicant has required finalized inquiries and not any inquiry pending before any officer.
12. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. The Secretary, Ministry of Communication and Postal Services, is directed to

furnish the required information to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.

13. Adjourned to 26-03-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 4902-08/25

Mudassir Hussain

Vs

Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination

February 17, 2026

Gul Hasssan, Deputy Director, Ministry of National Health Services appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The information has been shared with the applicant except the law/rules/regulations under which the employees on deputation were absorbed in the public bodies. The representative of the public body was inquired about the said query of the applicant, and he stated that there is no law/rule/regulation regarding the absorption of the deputationists. Therefore, no further proceedings are required after sharing the required information with the applicant. 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 4578-02/25

Muhammad Usman

Vs

PCSIR

February 17, 2026

Dr. Syed Hussain Imam Abidi, Chairman, PCSIR and Ambreen Moeen Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply of show cause notice has furnished with the signature of the Chairman, PCSIR. It is submitted that non appearance was neither with intentional nor deliberate but occurred due to unavoidable official engagements. It is further submitted that at no stage was there any intention to disregard, delay or disobey the lawful orders of the Commission.
2. The Commission showing grace and appreciating the personal appearance of the Chairman, PCSIR, withdraw the show cause notice.
3. Since the required information has already been furnished by the public body and appeal was closed vide order dated 23-10-2025.
4. No further proceedings are required. Copy of the order be sent to the respondent.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4377-01/25

Nadeem Tanoli

Vs

IHRA

February 17, 2026

Muhammad Shareef Bandesha, Staff Officer (Law), IHRA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The reply to the show cause notice has been furnished by the CEO, IHRA, and the absence has been regretted; hence, the show cause notice is withdrawn. Moreover, the number of pages required for photocopying has been stated as 107 pages, and the head of account where the said charges are to be deposited, as per the Right of Access to Information (Fee) Regulations, 2023, for obtaining the required information has also been specified. A copy of the head of account and the photocopying charges be conveyed to the applicant. The applicant shall be entitled to receive the required information from the public body within 10 days after the deposit of the photocopying charges. 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 4971-09/25

Amber Alibhai

Vs

Ministry of Housing and Works

February 17, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 27-10-2025 under RGL No. 154262631. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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 4833-07/25

Rizwan Majeed

Vs

Council of Islamic Ideology

February 17, 2026

Applicant is present in person. Muhammad Aslam, Documents Specialist, Islamic Ideology Council, appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Written reply to the rejoinder has been furnished by the public body stating that the remaining information in respect of the experience of the Members and Chairman of the Islamic Ideology Council is held by the Ministry of Law and Justice, as the summary and notification of the appointment of the Members and Chairman of the Islamic Ideology Council were issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice.
2. The applicant has shown dissatisfaction with the said reply and submitted that in the earlier reply, the public body had furnished information after obtaining it from the Members and Chairman of the Islamic Ideology Council.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and the written reply and has noted that most of the information has been furnished by the public body except the information regarding the experience of the Members and Chairman of the Islamic Ideology Council.
4. Admittedly, the notification of the appointment of the Members and Chairman of the Islamic Ideology Council was issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice; therefore, it is the Ministry of Law and Justice which maintains the said record/information.
5. In view of the above, the appeal stands disposed of in the manner that the applicant may file a fresh information request to the concerned Ministry, and if the information is not provided, he may file a fresh appeal. 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 4949-09/2025

Ameera Adil

Vs

Capital Development Authority (CDA)

February 17, 2026

Dr. Muhammad Ghani appeared on behalf of the applicant. Ali Muhammad Advocate appeared on behalf of Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate.

1. Written reply has been furnished by CDA answering all the queries of the applicant. A copy of the same has been handed over to the representative of the applicant. The representative of the applicant, after perusing the reply, has submitted that the reply is totally false and does not address the information request. The Commission has noted that point-to-point answers to all the queries have been furnished by CDA, and if the applicant believes that the said reply is based on false facts or constitutes false information, he may file a complaint under Section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, along with evidence, before this Commission. 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 5014-10/2025

Kauser Ali

Vs

Capital Development Authority (CDA)

February 17, 2026

Muhammad Ali Advocate appeared on behalf of Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate, Legal Advisor, CDA.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 15-01-2026 under RGL No. 154834404. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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

