

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

Appeal No. 1866-04/2022

Faizan Ali

Vs

Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Mr. Faizan Ali filed an applicant under the Right of Access to the Information Act, 2017. Through his application dated 09.03.2022 addressed to Managing Director, Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation he has requested the following information:

- i. *“Certified list of candidates applied for Associated Press of Pakistan (BPS-7) job reporter advertised in July, 2021 along with their written test marks and interview marks.*
- ii. *Provide the policy document (criteria) to hire the candidates for the APP Reporter Job.*
- iii. *Provide the interview panel list along with their name and designation and department.*
- iv. *Qualified and unqualified candidates list along with written, interview marks.*
- v. *Interview panel questions list and criteria.*
- vi. *Please provide the interview transcript of candidate Faizan AB, Roll No. (111217), who got 46 marks out of 70 (Second Position among 75 candidates in Screening Test.*
- vii. *What was the criterion to select the candidates with low scoring marks in written test and rejecting the second position holder?”*

2. Feeling aggrieved for the non-provision of the information he filed appeal before Pakistan Commission on Access to Information, Islamabad.

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B. PROCEEDINGS

3. The Focal Person to PIC for respondent public body vide letter dated 8.6.2022 responded the request as follows:

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Questions</i>	<i>Agency Reply</i>
01	<i>Certified list of candidates for APPC's PPS-7 reporter advertised in July 2021, along with written test marks and interview marks:</i>	<i>The list of the candidates are enclosed as (Annex-A)</i>
02	<i>Provide the policy document (criteria) to hire the candidates for the APP reporter job.</i>	<i>The advertisement is enclosed (Annex-B)</i>
03	<i>Provide the interview panel list along with their name, designation, and department.</i>	<i>List of interview panel is enclosed (Annex-C)</i>
04	<i>Qualified and un-qualified candidates list along with written, interview marks.</i>	<i>The candidates were selected as per laid down procedure on merit (Annex-A)</i>
05	<i>What were the criteria to select candidate with low scoring marks in written and rejecting the second position holder?</i>	<i>The selection was made on the basis of cumulative marks (written test and interview)</i>

4. Earlier the Focal Person to PIC vide letter dated 11.5.2022 provided following information regarding Mr. Faizan Ali, Roll No. (111217), who got 46 marks out of 70

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Roll Number</i>	<i>Name of Post</i>	<i>Written Marks</i>	<i>Interview Marks</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Merit Position</i>
01	111217	Reporter(PPS-7)	46	11.5	57.5	04

5. The appellant feeling dissatisfied with the response vide rejoinder dated 23.6.2022 has objected that the interview transcript has not been provided.

C. COMMISSION'S VIEW

6. The appellant has asked for the list of candidates who applied for reporter advertised in July, 2021 along with their written test marks and interview mark, the policy document (criteria) to hire the candidates, the interview panel list along with their name and designation and department, list of

qualified and unqualified candidates along with written, interview marks, interview panel questions list and criteria, the interview transcript of candidate Faizan AB, and the criterion to select the candidates with low scoring marks in written test and rejecting the second position holder in Associated Press of Pakistan.

7. The respondent public body has furnished all the record and information to the appellant except the transcript of interview. Miss Addila Rubab Kazmi, Executive Director, Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation apprised the Commission that the transcript of interview is not maintained and held as record rather it is only for the use and domain of interview panel and the competent authority as such does not fall within the meanings of the public record as defined under the Act.
8. The Commission is of the considered view that transcript of interview does not fall within the meanings of the public record as defined under the Act. The permissible information and record that was accessible under the Act has been furnished to the appellant.

D. ORDER

9. The appeal is disposed of.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner
Announced on 26.07.2021

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