

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

Appeal No. 1933-05/2022

Rao Anwar Ali

Vs

Ministry of Defence

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Mr. Rao Anwar Ali invoking his right under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 read with Rule 16(6) of the E & D Rules, 2020 sought the inquiry report from the office of Director (Budget/Accounts/ Admin), Ministry of Defence.
2. Feeling aggrieved for the provision of un-attested photocopies of the desired documents he has filed appeal before the Pakistan Commission on Access to Information, Islamabad, requesting therein provision of the attested copies of the following documents:

(i)	Attested/photocopy of the Principal PG DCB Multan ltr No.25/Admn/2021/01, dt 05 Jan 2022 from pages 1-3.
(ii)	Attested/photocopy of the Principal PG DCB Multan ltr No.25/Admn/2021/481, dt 15 Dec 2022 (1*page)
(iii)	Attested copy of applicants dt 15-12-2021 (1*page)
(iv)	Attested copy of application dt 21-12-2021 (1*page)
(v)	Attested copy of Whatsapp images dt 21-12-2021 (1*page)
(vi)	Attested copy of Emailimages dt21-12-2021 (1*page)
(vii)	Attested copy of FG PS Mail ltr No.850 dt 21-12-2021 (1*page)
(viii)	Attested copy of Sadiq Abbasi Hospital Bwpltr No.22521 dt 07-12-2021 (1*page)

3. The Notice of the Commission is responded by the Section Officer, Ministry of Defence vide letter dated 24.06.2022 to the following effect.

“It is intimated that un-attested copies of requisite documents had already been provided to Mr. Rao Anwar Ali. MoD has also requested FGHDTTE to provide attested copies of the documents to the applicant. Two copies of the same will be forwarded to PIC as desired please.”

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4. The Section 13(3) of the Act requires the provision of information or record accompanied by a certificate affixed at the foot thereof, or as appropriate, to the effect that the information is correct or as the case may be, the copy is a true copy of the original record and the certificate should be dated and signed by the designated official. Admittedly the respondent has provided the desired record to the appellant but not duly certified as mandated in the Act.

B. ORDER

5. The appeal is allowed. The Director (Budget/ Accounts/ Admin), Ministry of Defence is directed to provide the appellant the desired record, afresh after affixing the certification of its correctness as required under section 13(3) of the Act, forthwith, but in any case not later than five days of the receipt of this order.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Announced on: September 27, 2022

This order consists of 02 (two) pages, each page has been read and signed