

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5270-12/2025

Aashir Ali

Vs

Higher Education Commission (HEC)

May 19, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated

1. The public body, vide letter dated 14-04-2026, has furnished answers to all the queries of the applicant in an appropriate manner along with copies of the relevant documents. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who has acknowledged its receipt but has filed rejoinder dated 16-04-2025, stating that HEC has failed to provide certified documentary record. Prayer is made to declare the response of the public body as incomplete and directions be issued to HEC to issue a clear, binding circular to all universities and affiliated law colleges within 15 days, reiterating that no upper age limit or sessional gap is permissible for LLB admission after LAT qualification. It is also prayed to impose an appropriate penalty on the Public Information Officer, HEC, who delayed the information. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply of the public body, and rejoinder.
2. The reply to all the points was minutely examined, and it is found that categorical and appropriate responses have been given to all the information requests along with copies of the relevant documents. The prayer of the applicant to pass directions to issue a binding circular to all universities and affiliated law colleges within 15 days, reiterating that no upper age limit or sessional gap is permissible for LLB admission after LAT qualification, does not come within the domain of this Commission, as it has to obtain permission.
3. The applicant, on the basis of this information, may approach the appropriate authorities. 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

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5368-02/2026

Azhar Hussain

Vs

Finance Monitoring Unit (FMU)

May 19, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 14-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313041. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has 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

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
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Appeal No: 5081-11/2025

Uzair Razzaq
Vs
Cabinet Division

May 19, 2026

Dr. Asma Razzaq, Section Officer, Cabinet Division and Faisal Javed, Senior Auditor appeared on behalf of the AGPR.

1. AGPR, vide letter dated 18-05-2026, has informed that, in compliance with the directions of this Commission, the 10 days' salary of Mr. – has been deducted, and a copy of the computer change has been attached. Meaning thereby that compliance with the order of the Commission has been made.

2. Section Officer, Cabinet Division, vide letter dated 18-05-2026, has informed that the Cabinet Division has assailed the order of the Commission before the IHC; however, it is not mentioned whether the order of the Commission has been suspended or otherwise. Since AGPR has made compliance with the order of the Commission and the penalty has been recovered.

3. It is noted that the remaining information, in response to the rejoinder of the applicant, was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312648. No objection has been received. In view of the above, 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

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
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Appeal No: 5502-03/2026

Farukh Hussain
Vs
Pakistan Post (Bhakkar)

May 19, 2026

Fakhar Abbas, Senior Post Master, Pakistan Post appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body, in black and white, has submitted that the required information pertains to the Divisional Superintendent, Postal Services (Mianwali). The applicant be directed to approach the said office for obtaining the same.

2. In view of the above, since the required information does not pertain to the office of Pakistan Post (Bhakkar), no directions can be passed for sharing the same. The appeal stands disposed of in the manner that the applicant may approach the office of the Divisional Superintendent, Postal Services (Mianwali) for obtaining the same, if he so desires. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
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Appeal No: 5495-03/2026

Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti

Vs

Accountant General Pakistan Revenues (AGPR)

May 19, 2026

Faisal Javed, Senior Auditor, AGPR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letters dated 28-04-2026 and 14-05-2026, has furnished a written reply stating that APP, being an autonomous body, does not fall within the jurisdiction of AGPR, and AGPR does not deal with the pension-related matters of APP. Copy of the written reply furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313681. It appears that the applicant is satisfied with the response of the public body. The Commission has also examined the information request and the response of the public body and found that it meets the requirements of the information request. 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

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5340-02/2026

Amir Baloch

Vs

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)

May 19, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 25-02-2026, submitted a written reply answering both the queries of the applicant. As far as Query No. 1 of the information request is concerned, the applicant has shown satisfaction over the response vide his email dated 08-04-2026; however, in respect of Query No. 2 of the information request, the public body has stated that certified copies of the result cards of the EPE of the listed engineers cannot be disclosed to the public, being classified documents. The applicant has shown dissatisfaction over the same and submitted that it is part of the public record and should be shared with him.

2. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply of the public body, and rejoinder of the applicant, and found that under Section 16(i)(iv), it is provided that information may be exempt if its disclosure undermines the effectiveness of a testing or auditing procedure used by the public body.

3. Certainly, the test/examination for qualification in this matter is conducted through testing by the public body. Moreover, the public body has taken the stance that the information also involves privacy, which is covered under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. In view of above, information sought at Serail No. 2 of the information request cannot be shared with the applicant being exempted from disclosure under Section 16 (i) (iv) and 7 (g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. 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
Government of Pakistan
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Appeal No: 5310-01/2026

Rahman Muzaffar

Vs

Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP)

May 19, 2026

Mr. Amir Zaman, Joint Director / Deputy Registrar, CCP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide information request dated 29-12-2025 required following information,

1. Internal file notes, assessments, and notings 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. In the first instance, the public body, vide letter dated 29-01-2026, while filing the written reply, took the plea that the required information is exempted from disclosure under Sections 16(a), (b), and (c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The Commission, after taking into consideration the written reply and the law on the subject, allowed this information request vide order dated 16-04-2026, holding that after finalization of the matter, the exemption mentioned in the written reply was not available to the public body, and the Public Information Officer / Registrar CCP was directed to provide the required information within 10 days.

3. Now, the public body, vide letter dated 14-05-2026, has stated that in the instant matter, the Registrar, while exercising the powers

conferred under Para-2.5 of the SOPs for complaint handling and conduct of enquiries and adjudication read with the Competition Commission Regulations, 2016, disposed of the informal complaint on the ground that it did not fall within the mandate of the Commission.

4. It did not fall within the mandate of the Commission, and no prima facie violation of the Competition Act, 2010 was made out, and the applicant was intimated thereof vide email dated 20-11-2025.

5. When inquired from the representative of the public body as to whether any written order was passed by the Registrar of the public body in respect of the closure of this complaint, the answer was in the negative, meaning thereby that the complaint was disposed of through some oral order. After the statement of the representative of the public body in respect of the oral disposal of the complaint of the applicant and its intimation to the applicant, no directions can be passed for sharing the same with the applicant.

6. Before parting with this order, the Commission would like to highlight the following part of the preamble of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017:

“Whereas the Government believes in transparency and the right to have access to information to ensure that the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have improved access to records held by public authorities and to promote the purpose of making the Government more accountable to its people, of improving participation by the people in public affairs, of reducing corruption and inefficiency in Government, of promoting sound economic growth, of promoting good governance, and respect for human rights.”

7. The Commission would expect that the Chairman of the public body will give due regard to the intent of the legislator as mentioned in the preamble of the Act and issue directions for adopting well-reasoned orders for disposal of complaints. 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
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5335-02/2026

Asad

Vs

Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP)

May 19, 2026

Mr. Amir Zaman, Joint Director / Deputy Registrar, CCP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313678. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has 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 implementation proceedings stand finalized. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5336-02/2026

Asad

Vs

Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP)

May 19, 2026

Mr. Amir Zaman, Joint Director / Deputy Registrar, CCP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313679. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has 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 implementation proceedings stand finalized. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5342-02/2026

Amir Baloch

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

May 19, 2026

Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director and Muhammad Arif, Second Secretary, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 21-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313615. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has 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

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5261-01/2026

Aftab Ahmad Khan

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

May 19, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body; however, the public body, in compliance with the order of the Commission dated 16-04-2026, vide letter dated 18-05-2026, has furnished information in respect of disbursement of salaries, medical expenses, and bonus to Mr. Muhammad Raza Hanif, Ex-Office Assistant, whereas the remaining information already stands shared with the applicant. In view of the above, the information furnished vide letter dated 18-05-2026 be shared with the applicant.

2. No further proceedings are required. The implementation proceedings stand settled. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5015-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Ministry of Interior

May 19, 2026

Malik Mubashir, Section Officer, Ministry of Interior appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 30-09-2025 addressed to Secretary, Ministry of Interior has requested following information,

1. The current number of Afghan refugees residing in Pakistan. The response may categorized by registration status including registered and unregistered separately.

2. The total number of Afghan refugees who were repatriated or deported in the first phase of the return plan initiated in 2023-2024.

3. The cumulative number of Afghan nationals who have left Pakistan up to date of this request, including thorough voluntary repatriation and deportation.

4. The current number of Afghan nationals residing in Pakistan on valid visas (business, education, medical, or other).

5. Of those Afghan Nationals who returned to Afghanistan, how many were former refugees who later obtained Pakistani visas for reentry.

2. Allegedly, information was not provided to him; hence, he filed this appeal. After issuance of notice by the Commission, the public body, vide letter dated 08-04-2026, furnished a written reply stating that the required information is exempted from disclosure under Section 7(e) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of appeal, written reply of the public body, rejoinder of the applicant, and the relevant provisions of the law. The representative of the public body was also heard at length, and it was found that the required information is not exempted from disclosure under any provision of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, as it is statistical data and is reported in the media from time to time.

4. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. Secretary, Ministry of Interior, is directed to furnish the required information to the

applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

5. Adjourned to 30-06-2026 for implementation proceedings

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5515-03/26

Zakir Ullah

Vs

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

May 19, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 20-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313235. The applicant vide letter dated 21-04-2026 has filed rejoinder raising certain objections over the response of the public body. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply of the public body and rejoinder filed by the applicant and found that information furnished by the public body meets with the requirements of the information request and objections raised by the applicant in his rejoinder are beyond his original information hence cannot be entertained.

2. In view of above, 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