

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5073-11/2025

Shahr Yar Ahmed

Vs

Academy of Letters

January 20, 2026

Mir Nawaz, Deputy Director, Academy of Letters appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 17-10-2025 addressed to the Chairman, Academy of Letters, Islamabad,
 - i. *Certified copy of audit report of Academy of Letters for last 5 years.*
 - ii. *Copies of audit paras by Auditor General of Pakistan pertaining to last 5 years.*
 - iii. *Copies of audit report of internal/external audits for last 5 years.*
 - iv. *Copies of whole record of selection, nomination, and conferment of awards from year 2021 to date.*
 - v. *Copies of minutes of meetings of committee pertaining to nomination forwarded by the Academy of Letters from 2021 to date.*
2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided by the public body within the stipulated time period; hence, he filed this appeal.
3. On notice to the public body, it submitted a written reply vide letter dated 17-12-2025 stating that the applicant has not provided any justification, reason, or intended purpose for seeking the required information. As far as this objection is concerned, the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 does not require the applicant to provide any reason for seeking the required information.
4. In respect of the audit report, the public body has submitted that the said information is withheld by the Auditor General of Pakistan. Similarly, regarding the copies of the whole record of selection, nomination, and conferment of awards, the public body has submitted that the said record is maintained by the Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan.
5. Similarly, about the minutes of meetings required at Serial No. 5 of the information request, it is submitted that it contains personal privacy of individuals. Regarding the recommendations about the nomination of

the awards, it is submitted that only nominations are sent by the respondent public body, while the minutes of meetings regarding the finalization of names for awards are maintained by the Cabinet Division, and the public body is unable to provide the same.

6. In view of the above, none of the information has been provided. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 20-12-2025. He acknowledged its receipt but filed a rejoinder stating that the information held by the public body has not been provided without any justification. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply, rejoinder filed by the applicant, and the relevant provisions of the law.
7. Admittedly, the record relating to the audit report is withheld by the Auditor General of Pakistan and cannot be disclosed until it is laid before the Public Accounts Committee. Similarly, the record regarding the finalization of nominations for awards, including recommendations and minutes of meetings, is maintained by the Cabinet Division; hence, the public body cannot be directed to furnish the same. In view of the above, the appeal stands disposed of. However, the applicant may file a fresh information request to the concerned quarters in order to obtain the required information, 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

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Appeal No 5071-10/2025

Barrister Dilawar Khan

Vs

Board of Investment (BoI)

January 20, 2026

Zulfiqar Ali, Additional Secretary, BOI, appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 26-11-2025 under RGL No. 154263487. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has been 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

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Appeal No 5088-11/2025

Wali Khan

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

January 20, 2026

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

1. The public body vide letter dated 25-11-2025 forwarded written reply prepared by the Additional Commissioner H-II, Regional Tax Office, Sargodha, whereby the public body has regretted sharing the required information as it pertains to the data of taxpayers and is confidential / non-disclosable under section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.
2. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 26-11-2025, but no response has been received. However, the Commission has noted that Query No. 1 and 3 of the information request pertain to the data of taxpayers, whereas Query No. 2 is about the total number of registered and unregistered brick kilns, along with brick kiln owners' names and their fathers' names in each district under the jurisdiction of the Chief Commissioner, Regional Tax, Sargodha.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the relevant provisions of the law, and found that the information cited at Query No. 2 of the information request is public record, and the applicant, being a citizen of Pakistan, is entitled to receive the same. In view of the above, the appeal is partially allowed. The Secretary (Compliance) / Public Information Officer, FBR is directed to furnish the information cited at Serial No. 2 of the information request to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
4. Adjourned to 24-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 5178-12/2025

Nadir Khan

Vs

Karachi Cantonment Board

January 20, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body however, Karachi Cantonment Board vide letter dated 29-12-2025 has submitted that the matter pertains to Cantonment Board Clifton.

2. In view of above, the appeal stands disposed of in the manner that the applicant may approach the Cantonment Board Clifton for having the required information. 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 5144-11/2025

Agha Hassan Khurshid

Vs

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

January 20, 2026

Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 20-01-2025 has filed written reply stating that the required information pertains to interdepartmental correspondence within the organization, which does not fall under the definition of information: as per Section 2 (v) and 2(x), nor within the scope of Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and written reply filed by the applicant and found that the applicant has required certified copy of Disciplinary Proceedings Department (DPD) report, that was issued prior to the confirmation of the applicant's service as referenced on Page No. 102/C of the applicant's service file.
3. The Commission has found that under Section 5 (i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 the principal officer of each public body shall, within six months of the commencement of the this Act, ensure that all reports including performance reports, audit reports, evaluation reports, inquiry or investigative reports and other reports that have been finalized are duly published including uploading over the internet or in a manner which best ensures that these are accessible subject to reasonable restrictions.
4. In view of above, the appeal is allowed. Public Information Officer, ZTBL is directed for furnish the required information with the applicant as well as with this Commission within 10 days.
5. Adjourned to 24-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

