

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5493-03/2026**

**Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

May 20, 2026

Imran Anjum, Law Officer, APP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body stated that no pension of the applicant has been stopped for any reason. It is being paid regularly to the retired employees. He further states that pension payment for the month of November was stopped for one day due to system error which was resolved and pension was credited to the account of the pensioners.
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

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5492-03/2026**

**Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti**  
**Vs**  
**Ministry of Finance**

May 20, 2026

Nisar Chatta, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request, has required the public body to provide reasons as to why his pension for November 2025 was withheld. The public body, vide letter dated 19-05-2026, has forwarded copy of the letter on behalf of the Secretary, Finance Division, stating that the Finance Division deals only with policy matters relating to pay, pension, and allowances. For any enquiry regarding the withholding or delay of pension, the applicant may approach his department. Additionally, his former employing department has informed in writing that this issue has already been resolved and his earlier appeals on the same subject stand disposed of. Copy of the written reply submitted today be shared with the applicant. 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: 5480-03/2026**

**Zakir Ullah**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony**

May 20, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 06-05-2025, furnished written reply answering all the queries of the information request along with copies of the relevant documents, and the said response was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 07-05-2026. The applicant, vide his email dated 11-05-2026, filed rejoinder showing satisfaction with some of the answers; however, he expressed dissatisfaction over the steps taken by the respondent to introduce Urdu as a policy.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply of the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant. It is noted that the answers to all the queries have been properly provided by the public body. The points raised in the rejoinder by the applicant relate to implementation, which is outside the domain of the Commission, and for the redressal of the same, the applicant may approach the appropriate forum.
3. In view thereof, 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: 5346-02/2026**

**M. Ilyas Bhatti**

**Vs**

**Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)**

May 20, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 15-04-2026, furnished written reply giving exact data in respect of officials against whom FIR No. 26/2025 was registered on the allegation of corruption. It is also mentioned in the report that some of the officials are on judicial remand and some are on bail. It is categorically stated that no employee was reinstated.
2. The information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant, who, vide email dated 28-04-2026, filed rejoinder raising certain reservations over the shared information.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply of the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant, and found that the information furnished by the public body meets the requirements of the information request. The objections raised by the applicant in his rejoinder are beyond his original information request and hence cannot be entertained.
4. 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

**Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5238-12/2025**

**Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti**  
**Vs**  
**Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)**

May 20, 2026

Imran Anjum, Law Officer, APP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. No response has been received despite three notices. Final notice was issued on 27-04-2026 (170313689). However, before passing an order, the Commission again went through the information request, which states that the Public Information Commission (PIC) is requested to direct the Assistant Prosecutor Public (APP) for stopping this practice in future; the petitioner has simply mentioned that the pension was not stopped and that the public body makes an effort to harass the pensioner. No specific information has been sought; direction in this regard is not within the mandate of the PIC. In case the pensioner has any issue regarding his pension, he may approach the concerned quarter for redressal of his grievance. 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: 4932-09/2025**

**Hamza Mahboob**

**Vs**

**National Highway Authority (NHA)**

May 20, 2026

Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. As far as sharing of the information is concerned, the appeal stood disposed of vide order dated 27-01-2026; however, the reply to the show cause notice issued to the Chairman, NHA under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, issued vide order dated 03-12-2026, was not received.
2. The Commission again passed an order on 01-01-2026 and granted an opportunity, as per request of the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the public body, for submission, and the proceedings were adjourned to 27-01-2026.
3. On the said date, nobody appeared on behalf of the public body and the reply to the show cause notice was not furnished. Therefore, again notice was issued for submitting the reply, which was not received till 25-02-2026, i.e., the next date of hearing. Whereupon, taking notice of the conduct of the Chairman, NHA for not furnishing reply to the show cause notice, a penalty under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 equivalent to deduction of 15 days' salary of the Chairman, NHA was imposed.
4. The proceedings are now pending for compliance of the said order. Meanwhile, on 12-03-2026, Ms. Mehraj Tareen, Advocate, newly engaged counsel for the public body, appeared on behalf of the public body for summoning of the file and requested permission to submit the required information along with exemption/suspension of the order regarding imposition of fine equivalent to 15 days' salary of the Chairman, NHA.
5. The show cause notice dated 04-12-2025 had clearly warned the Chairman as to why penalty may not be imposed and proceedings under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 be not initiated against the Chairman, NHA.
6. The Honourable Chief Information Commission passed an order on the said request to withhold recovery of penalty till today. The Commission has examined the contents of the order sheets and the orders passed by this Commission on 25-02-2026. The said order reflects that multiple opportunities were granted to the Chairman, NHA to file written reply to the show cause

notice, and in addition thereto, through telephonic contact by the office, the concerned officer was informed of the proceedings; however, nobody appeared before the Commission and no reply was filed to the show cause notice. The order was not passed in haste, but all the legal requirements were duly fulfilled. Therefore, no ground for review of the order is found.

7. In view of the above, the Member Finance, NHA is directed to deduct 15 days' salary of the Chairman, NHA and submit compliance report through representative before the next date of hearing. Copy of the order be sent to the Member Finance, NHA for implementation.

8. Adjourned to 17-06-2026

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5298-01/2026**

**Aftab Ahmed Ujjan**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation**

May 20, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. However, the public body vide letter dated 20-05-2026 has intimated that same information has already been furnished and stand shared with the applicant in Appeal No. 5260-01/26 and that appeal is closed on 08-04-2026. Ms. Urvah Hanif was directed by the Commission to trace out the above mentioned file and verify the contention of the public body. She has categorically stated that same information has already been furnished in appeal No. 5260-01/26 and that appeal stood closed.

2. In view of above, the appeal in hand is not proceedable, hence dismissed. 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: 5299-01/2026**

**Aftab Ahmed Ujjan**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation**

May 20, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. However, the public body vide letter dated 20-05-2026 has intimated that same information has already been furnished and stand shared with the applicant in Appeal No. 5257-01/26 and that appeal is closed on 08-04-2026. Ms. Urvah Hanif was directed by the Commission to trace out the above mentioned file and verify the contention of the public body. She has categorically stated that same information has already been furnished in appeal No. 5260-01/26 and that appeal stood closed.

2. In view of above, the appeal in hand is not proceedable, hence dismissed. 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: 5164-11/2025**

**Nazim Saeed**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Post**

May 20, 2026

Shahid Usman, System Analyst, Pakistan Post appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 02-01-2026, furnished written reply answering all the queries of the information request, which was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 12-01-2026. The applicant filed rejoinder, which was again shared with the public body, and the public body, vide letter dated 23-04-2026, forwarded reply vide letter dated 05-03-2026, which was also shared on 27-04-2026. The applicant again submitted rejoinder received on 27-04-2026.

2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply of the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant, and found that the information furnished by the public body meets the requirements of the information request. The objections raised by the applicant in his rejoinder are beyond his original information request and hence turned down.

3. 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**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 4962-09/2025**

**Hamza Akhtar**

**Vs**

**Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority**

May 20, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Commission vide order dated 22-04-2026 imposed a fine on the CEO, IHRA equivalent to 50 days' salary under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and the Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services was directed to recover the penalty and credit it to the State Treasury under intimation to this Commission. The said Secretary was also directed to ensure implementation of the order of the Commission dated 07-01-2026; however, neither was the penalty recovered nor was any compliance report received from the Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, although the notice under RGL No. 170313611 stands delivered as confirmed from the Pakistan Post website.
2. In view of the above, a show cause notice be issued to the Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services to explain as to why penalty may not be imposed and proceedings under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 may not be initiated against him for non-compliance with the order of the Commission. He is further directed to furnish the information as well as an implementation report regarding deduction of the fine.
3. Adjourned to 17-06-2026.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5237-02/2026**

**Mahar Muneer Hussain**  
**Vs**  
**Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU)**

May 20, 2026

Amir Saeed, Additional Registrar, FGEHA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 22-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313310. 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: 5440-02/2026**

**Malik Mahboob Ur Rehman**

**Vs**

**Federal Government Employees Housing Authority (FGEHA)**

May 20, 2026

Syed Muhammad Ali, Deputy Director, FGEHA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. In response to the notice issued on appeal, the public body vide letter dated 17-03-2026 furnished written reply answering query No. 1 of the information request, stating that the payment record of registered members cannot be shared as it falls under the purview of Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

2. It is further submitted that the Executive Board in its 15th meeting held on 06-08-2021 decided to formally close the Thallian Housing Scheme and further directed to refund the down payments of those who opt for refund, and that a 10% quota would be reserved in all future schemes of FGEHA to accommodate members whose deposited down payments in the scheme. The minutes are available on the website of FGEHA.

3. Lastly, it is submitted that funds received from members of the Thallian Housing Scheme were utilized to meet the expenditures incurred for the said scheme. Payment records of members cannot be shared under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who filed rejoinder received on 13-04-2026. The same was shared with the public body, and the public body furnished detailed written reply vide letter dated 22-04-2026 along with copies of the relevant documents; however, the applicant is still not satisfied and seeks information about the number of members who withdrew their payments.

5. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written replies furnished by the public body, the rejoinders of the applicant, and the relevant provisions of the law, and has concluded that most of the information has been provided by the public body, which addresses the queries of the applicant. However, the list of members who withdrew the payments of the said scheme pertains to personal privacy of individuals and is exempted from disclosure under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and hence cannot be disclosed. The

matter of transaction is between private members and the housing authority, and the deposits are not from public funds but constitute personal contributions of the members.

6. 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**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5548-02/2026**

**Syed Zakir Hussain Naqvi**  
**Vs**

**Regional Tax Payer Office (LTO) (Federal Board of Revenue)**

May 20, 2026

Diyanat Ali, Admin Officer, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 06-02-2026 required from the public body the complete service record of Malik Muhammad Sarwar, Retired ACIR, who retired from government service on 31-12-2025. The said record was requested, including his full posting history with dates, designations, job descriptions, and posts held during service.

2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to the applicant; hence, he filed this appeal. After issuance of notice to the public body on the appeal, the public body vide letter dated 21-04-2026 furnished written reply. Copy of the same was shared with the applicant, who filed rejoinder.

3. The public body vide letter dated 18-05-2026 furnished written reply to the rejoinder of the applicant. In the said reply, at paragraph 15, the public body submitted that the information sought by the applicant is related to a third party.

4. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written replies of the public body, the rejoinders filed by the applicant, and the relevant provisions of law, and has found that the complainant is seeking the complete service record of a third person retired from a government department, and this record is exempted from disclosure under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, being information related to the privacy of an individual.

5. As far as the plea of the applicant that some other citizen has already been provided the same information is concerned, the same is not a ground nor binding on this Commission to direct disclosure of the information in the present case.

6. 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.

Information Commissioner

Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5289-12/2025**

**Babar Saleem**

**Vs**

**State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan**

May 20, 2026

Muhammad Danish Waqar, Assistant Manager (Legal), State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 15-11-2025 addressed to the Chairman/CEO, State Life Insurance Corporation required certified copies of two inquiry proceedings along with inquiry reports and findings: first held on application dated 27-08-2021, and second on complaint dated 15-10-2022, against Mr. Umair Sattar Abro, so-called Head of HR, and Nadeem Besi, CEO, M/s Alpha Issuance Company.

2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to the applicant; hence, he filed this appeal. After issuance of notice by the Commission on the appeal, the public body vide letter dated 26-01-2026 filed a written reply raising certain preliminary objections and also contested the case on merits. It was submitted that the information sought by the applicant is covered under Sections 7(a), (c), (g) and 16(1)(c), (g) and (h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and is exempted from disclosure.

3. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt but filed a rejoinder on 19-02-2026, a copy of which was delivered to the public body. The public body again filed a reply vide letter dated 06-04-2026, reiterating its earlier stance with the addition of Section 16(1)(j)(vi) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of appeal, written replies furnished by the public body, rejoinders filed by the applicant, and the relevant provisions of law, and has also heard the representative of the public body at length. As far as the plea of the public body with respect to exemption under Sections 7(a), (c), and (g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is concerned, the same is not applicable in this case as admittedly both the inquiries stand finalized.

5. Regarding the plea of exemption under Sections 16(1)(c), (g), (h), and (j)(vi), the Commission has noted that the record of any inquiry does not fall within the scope of privacy of any individual, as Section 5(i)

provides that the principal officer of each public body shall, within six months of the commencement of the Act, ensure that reports including performance reports, audit reports, evaluation reports, inquiry or investigative reports, and other finalized reports are duly published, including uploading on the internet or in such manner as best ensures accessibility, subject to reasonable restrictions based on limited resources.

6. It is also an admitted fact that M/s Alpha Insurance Company Limited is under the direct control of State Life Insurance Corporation, and the inquiries were conducted by the senior management of State Life Insurance Corporation.

7. During arguments, the representative of the public body also relied on the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 04-11-2025 titled *Babar Salman vs. FOP*, stating that the applicant approached the Supreme Court of Pakistan for supply of attested copies of the inquiry reports which are the subject matter of this appeal. However, his petition was dismissed. The Commission has perused the order of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and found that the representative of the public body had made a statement before the Court with a request for withdrawal of the petition as the applicant intended to avail the remedy under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 read with Article 19-A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and on his request, the petition was dismissed as having not been pressed. Meaning thereby that a window remains open for the applicant to seek the inquiry reports under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017; therefore, the said order of the Supreme Court does not restrain this Commission from providing the information which is permissible under law.

8. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. The Chairman/CEO, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan is directed to provide the required information to the applicant as well as to the Commission within 10 days. Copy of the order be sent to Chairman/CEO, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan for implementation and to the applicant for information.

9. Adjourned to 01-07-2026.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
**Order**

**Appeal No: 5209-12/2025**

**Agha Hassan Khurshid**

**Vs**

**Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)**

May 20, 2026

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

1. The public body vide letter dated 03-02-2026 furnished a written reply stating that similar issue has 4867 and 1898 and others; however, the query was answered stating that Mr. Shahbaz Jamil was appointed and duly empowered by the Federal Government under Section 11 of the Banks (Nationalization) Act, 1974 (BNA).

2. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt but vide his email dated 24-02-2026 filed a rejoinder stating that the reference of the power of President Mr. Shahbaz Jamil by the public body in its written reply is only confined to matters related to posting and transfer and that said provision does not confer the broader authority now claimed by the ZTBL.

3. Copy of the rejoinder was again shared with the public body, and the public body vide letter dated 16-04-2026 furnished its reply, which has been found meaningful. Although the applicant has again filed rejoinder on the same grounds mentioned in the earlier rejoinder.

4. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply of the public body, the rejoinders filed by the applicant, and the relevant law on the subject, and has found that the information furnished by the public body 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: 5207-12/2025**

**Waqas Aziz**

**Vs**

**Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)**

May 20, 2026

Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL 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. 170313626. 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