

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

Appeal No 2176-08/2022

Zafar Iqbal

Vs.

Employees Old Age Benefit Institution

Fawad Malik : Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Zafar Iqbal filed a request for the provision of certain information. Through his application dated May 06, 2022 addressed to the Director, Employees Old Age Benefit Institution (EOBI), Gujranwala he has sought the following information.

“There are 30+ employees currently working in the Gujranwala Club, Gujranwala. That their monthly salaries are being transferred in the Habib Bank Limited Account No. IBAN PX10HA88001450011259703 Branch Code 1455 at HBL Civil Lines Branch, Gujranwala.

- i. That the salaries which are given to the employees are the below the Government Notification in regard to minimum wages*
- ii. That the employers have never bothered to deduct and deposit the EOBI contribution in the Government Account*
- iii. That the employees of the Gujranwala Club are not registered with the Social Security and for their family members in respective departments / hospitals.*
- iv. That the arrears may very kindly be recovered from the Club / the Employer whilst calculators from the date of appointment of each employee.*
- v. More violations could be retrieved while inspecting the official record of the Gujranwala Club, kindly take stern action.*
- vi. The Club is also disseminating the Monthly Salaries to un-official staff through cash without transacting through Bank. Please inquire in-detail.*

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vii. *Please see Annexed Bank Account Statement Salary Transfer Rs.568,958/- to the staff members without EOBI Deductions.”*

2. Feeling aggrieved for the non-provision of the information within the period specified under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 he has filed appeal before the Pakistan Commission on Access to Information, Islamabad under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 read with article 19-A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

B. PROCEEDINGS

3. Pursuant to the notice issued by the Commission the Public Information Officer, EOBI vide letter dated 26-09-2022 requested the Deputy Director General, EOBI for the provision of the requested information for onward submission before the Commission.
4. Neither the information nor the reply was submitted therefore the appeal was fixed for hearing on 12-10-2022 but no one appeared to represent the public body before the Commission at the time of hearing.

C. COMMISSION'S VIEW

5. The appellant desires the information pertaining to salaries, EOBI and Social Security registration and other incidental thereto of the employees currently working in the Gujranwala Club, Gujranwala.
6. The Public Information Officer, EOBI vide letter dated 26-09-2022 requested the Deputy Director General, EOBI for the provision of the requested information to the appellant.
7. The requested information falls within the category of public record that should have been published proactively by the organization. This Commission has already dealt with numerical appeal with sort of similar information.

D. ORDER

8. The appeal is allowed. The Public Information Officer, Employees Old Age Benefit Institution is directed to provide the appellant all the requested information detailed in para 1 of this order, forthwith, but in any case not later than seven days of the receipt of this order.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on October 25, 2022

This order consists of 03 (three) pages, each page has been read and signed.