

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5353-02/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Ministry of Law and Justice

April 22, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Despite issuance of two notices dated 17-02-2026 and 05-03-2026 under RGL covers.

1. This is the first appeal of the day and has spoiled the taste, as the Commission has noticed with deep concern that the appeal was received on 03-02-2026. The first notice was issued and sent on 17-02-2026 after a lapse of 14 days, and the second notice was issued timely on 05-03-2026.

2. The office itself fixed the date as 22-04-2026, which is highly objectionable and against the law. The office itself has violated the provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The concerned officer was called before the Commission and admonished, with the direction to be very careful in future. The supervising officer, that is, the Assistant Director, has to be very careful and give up his negligent approach at times.

3. The receipt of the notice dated 05-03-2026 sent to the public body has been checked from the website of Pakistan Post, which confirms that the notice has been received by the public body.

4. This lacklustre approach from the public body is not at all tolerable. The notice dated 05-03-2026 clearly mentions that failure to attend the hearing will result in an ex parte decision. The Commission is of the firm view that there are strong reasons to decide ex parte. Deputy Solicitor, Ministry of Law and Justice, is directed to provide the required information to the applicant on the 10 queries made by him in his information request, already submitted to him, within a period of 10 days from the receipt of this order.

5. In case of default, action under Section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 will be initiated against him. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

6. Adjourned to 13-05-2026 for implementation proceedings.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 5003-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)

April 22, 2026

Muhammad Shahid, Assistant Controller, PTVC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. This appeal was filed on 16-10-2025, as the public body had failed to respond to the information request dated 30-09-2025. Three notices have been issued to the public body on 22-10-2025, 17-11-2025, and 03-2026. The last notice dated 17-03-2026 was sent through RGL No. 170312634, and service of the said notice has been confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post. In the notice dated 17-03-2026, it is specifically mentioned that if nobody appeared on behalf of the public body, an ex parte decision shall be recorded by the Commission. Since delivery of the notice has been confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post and a presumption of truth is attached thereto, there are sufficient grounds to decide the appeal ex parte; hence, the appeal is disposed of as under.
2. During previous hearings held from time to time, the representative of the public body has been present, and full opportunity has been provided to the public body to file response, but in vain. This is a very sad situation, and such an approach is not at all desirable. The law requires efficient disposal of appeals.
3. In view of the above, the Commission has no other option except to issue an ex parte order. The appeal is allowed. Managing Director, PTVC is directed to provide response/information on five queries of the information request dated 30-09-2026 within 15 days of the receipt of this order, failing which action will be initiated under Section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.
4. Adjourned to 13-05-2026 for implementation proceedings.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 5366-02/2026

Azhar Hussain

Vs

National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA)

April 22, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 10-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312248. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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 5319-01/2026

Muhammad Sohail

Vs

Ministry of Finance

April 22, 2026

Applicant present in person. None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The response submitted by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312368. No rejoinder has been received so far. Subsequent response from the public body dated 08-04-2026 seems to be in contradiction to their own response dated 08-04-2026 which was holistic. The response was compared with the information request in the presence of the applicant, and it was found that all the queries have been addressed by 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 5298-01/2026

Aftab Ahmed Ujjan

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

April 22, 2026

None present despite issuance of notices to the designated officer and Managing Director for implementation of the order but no response has been received from either of them.

2. In view of the above, let show cause notice be issued to Mr. Usman Ahmed Batth, Designated Officer, PMDC as well as Managing Director, PMDC to show cause 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 withholding information and non-implementation of the order of the Commission. He is further directed to ensure implementation of the order of the Commission dated 10-03-2026

3. Adjourned to 20-05-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4894-08/2025

Imam Bakhsh

Vs

Ministry of Interior

April 22, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. The response of the public body has been received vide letter dated 08-04-2026, which is being directly addressed to the applicant in compliance with the order of the Commission dated 18-11-2025.

2. Response to the show cause notice has been received from the Principal Officer, Ministry of Interior, wherein it has been stated that the officer has been complying with the order of the Commission and that the required information in this appeal has been provided. He has humbly requested that the show cause notice be withdrawn; the plea is accepted and the show cause notice is withdrawn.

3. In view of the above, 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

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Appeal No 5126-11/2025

Shahid Hussain

Vs

Cooperative Societies Department, Islamabad

April 22, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Response provided by the public body was handed over to the learned counsel for the applicant on 11-03-2026. The applicant through his counsel has filed rejoinder dated received on 15-04-2026. The information request, response of the public body, and rejoinder filed by the applicant have been examined in the light of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and the Cooperative Societies Act, 1925. This Commission has already held that the societies are not public bodies in view of the definition provided in the Cooperative Societies Act. The Registrar, Cooperative Societies Department is the regulator who has a specific role under the law. The response of the Circle Registrar dated 03-02-2026 is in accordance with law and reason and hence it is sustained. 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 5276-01/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Ministry of Energy (Power Division)

April 22, 2026

Mr. Umair Khan, Assistant Director, National Grid Company appeared on behalf of the public body as authorized by them vide letter dated 21-04-2026.

1. In response to the first information shared with the applicant on 29-01-2026, a rejoinder was received, which was sent to the public body, whose response was again shared with the applicant vide letter dated 17-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312604. 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

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Appeal No 5408-02/2026

Asad

Vs

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA)

April 22, 2026

Saim Raja, Assistant Director and Azhar Mughal, PS, PTA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 18-03-2026 under RGL No. 170312446. The information has been provided objectively, and proper links have been provided for the information in electronic form. The applicant has sent a rejoinder stating that he wanted the information in printed and attested form.

2. The representative of the public body stated that the information, which is already available on the website of the public body in compliance with Sections 5 and 8 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, hence submission of the same information again in printed form is not required under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The stance of the public body is sustainable, and hence, 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