

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 4579-02/2025**

**Imran Asghar**

**Vs**

**Higher Education Commission (HEC)**

July 17, 2025

Muhammad Haider Ali Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The appellant vide his information request dated 18-01-2025 addressed to the Chairman, HEC required attested copies of the result card of the Law Graduate Assessment Test (Law GAT) of a candidate namely Farakh Shahzad, son of Muhammad Shakir, having CNIC No. 35102-6997749-9; soft copy of the application for admission for Law GAT; educational documents of the said candidate; and attested copy of the Law GAT policy of HEC. Said documents were allegedly not provided to the appellant, therefore he filed this appeal.
2. Upon receiving the notice from this Commission, the public body, vide letter dated 25-05-2025, furnished written reply. Copy of the same was shared with the appellant, who acknowledged its receipt but raised objection that the plea of the public body taken in the written reply claiming exemption under Section 7(g) of the *Right of Access to Information Act, 2017* is not lawful. Therefore, a request is made to pass a direction to HEC to provide a certified copy of the required documents.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of the appeal, reply furnished by the public body, and objections raised by the appellant. As far as documents required at serial 1, 2, and 3 of the information request are concerned, the public body has taken the plea that the Education Testing Council – HEC issues result cards exclusively to the candidates who appeared in the examination of Law GAT. The result cards are available on the portal through individual login credentials.
4. The results published on the ETC-HEC portal are deemed authentic and certified for licensing of Law Graduates with the Pakistan Bar Council. The validation of other requirements is the responsibility of the licensing body. As these cards contain personal information, they are made available solely to the respective candidates; hence, under Section 7(g) of the *Right of Access to Information Act, 2017*, being personal record of the individual, exemption is provided under the law.
5. As far as query 4 of the information request is concerned, the public body has submitted that the relevant policy is available on the official webpage of the public body at

[www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/students/etc/pages/important-downloads.aspx](http://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/students/etc/pages/important-downloads.aspx).

6. The Commission has examined the information required by the appellant and the relevant law on the subject. Admittedly, the information required by the appellant is in respect of a specific candidate who appeared in the Law GAT test and passed the test from HEC.
7. The allegation of the appellant is that the LLB degree of the said candidate is fake and issued in connivance with the HEC officials. His further contention is that the record of a specific candidate is not a record of personal privacy and is public record.
8. Section 7 of the *Right of Access to Information Act, 2017* excludes certain records and provides that nothing contained in Section 6 shall apply to the records mentioned in clauses (a) to (h) of the said provision. Under Sections 7(g) and 7(h) of the *Right of Access to Information Act, 2017*, it is provided that records relating to the personal privacy of any individual and records of private documents furnished to a public body either on an express or implied condition that the information contained in any such document shall not be disclosed to a third party.
9. The record required by the appellant pertains to the personal privacy of the individual and cannot be disclosed to any other person without his consent as provided in the law referred above. Therefore, the objection raised by the appellant is not tenable and is turned down.
10. In view of the assertions made by the appellant regarding Islamic teachings and jurisprudence, if he so likes, he may approach the Council of Islamic Ideology or the Federal Shariat Court for any interpretation.
11. 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 4529-02/2025**

**Abid Khan**

**Vs**

**Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority**

July 22, 2025

Gul Hassan, Deputy Director, MOHR and Muhammad Shareef, Law Officer, IHRA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated Nil, has furnished a written reply and has submitted that if the appellant pays photocopying charges for supply of the required information, the public body is ready to share it. It is further added that the information is also exempted from disclosure under Sections 7, 16, and 18 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. When confronted with the request of the appellant, the public body submitted that minutes of the meeting cannot be shared under Section 16 of the Act; however, it has admitted that the requested minutes are finalized.
3. The Commission has examined the content of the information request, memo of appeal, response of the public body, and relevant law on the subject and found that minutes of the meeting are exempted from disclosure under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 as long as the same are not finalized or decided. After finalization of the same, it becomes public record and is not exempted from disclosure.
4. Since the public body is ready to provide the required information subject to the payment of photocopying charges, and according to the Access to Information (Fee) Regulations, 2023 of the Commission, the public body is bound to share with the appellant the required information containing 20 pages free of cost, and for the remaining documents, charges per copy fixed by the Commission are Rs. 7/- per page.
5. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. The CEO, IHRA is directed to provide the required information to the appellant subject to payment of Rs. 7/- per page within 10 days of the receipt of this order. No further proceedings are required and 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 4541-03/2025**

**Babar Ali**

**Vs**

**Establishment Division**

July 22, 2025

Naseer Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Establishment Division appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 13-05-2025, filed written reply and submitted that the matter of discharging official duties by Mr. Muhammad Masood Mukhtar, PAS- BPS-20, while being on training as indicated by the appellant in para 4 of his information request, be taken up with the Government of Punjab for an appropriate response, as the officer is serving there. Response of the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 22-05-2025. No objection has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant 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.
2. 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 4359-01/2025**

**Nauman Ali Haider**

**Vs**

**Auqaf Department, Islamabad**

July 22, 2025

Mubashir Safeen, UDC, Auqaf Department, Islamabad appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body furnished written reply vide letter dated 07-05-25 and copy of the same was handed over to the appellant by Registrar Office and the appellant was provided opportunity to file objection if any but no objection has been received from the appellant since then. It appears that the appellant 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 4009-10/2024**

**Muhammad Malik**

**Vs**

**Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL)**

July 22, 2025

Appellant present in person. Qaisar Abbas Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. On the last date of hearing, the public body was directed, in view of the objection of the appellant, to disclose details of officers against whom action has been taken by the public body in respect of fake degrees. The public body has furnished the list of officers, containing 143 officers against whom action has been taken, disclosing their designation, grade, date of joining, date of penalty and action taken. Copy of the said information is handed over to the appellant, who has submitted that the said list is not complete and names of the officers have not been disclosed against whom action has been taken.
2. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the public body has submitted that the public body has furnished the complete list with reasonability, and if it is incomplete, the appellant may approach the appropriate forum. Moreover, it is added that in the information request of the appellant, he has not requested the names of the officers and mentioned only that details be provided.
3. In view of the above, details of the officers against whom action has been taken have been provided by the public body, and names of the officers have not been sought by the appellant in his information request; therefore, the objection of the appellant is turned down.
4. Remaining information has already been shared with the appellant, and he has shown satisfaction over the same. 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 4298-12/2024**

**Waqar Younas**

**Vs**

**National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA)**

July 22, 2025 Muhammad Usman, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the public body. Ms. Aimal Malik, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant.

1. The appeal was disposed of vide order dated 25-05-2025 with the observation that query No. 2 to 9 of the information request was based on presumption and not in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, whereas the public body was directed to answer question No. 1 of the information request.
2. The public body, vide letter dated 29-05-2025 in respect to question No. 1 has answered that no expense has been made from public money; rather, the participation in the conference was sponsored by the donor. Said reply is objective and meets the requirement of the information request. No written objection has been made by the appellant in response to the public body.
3. The appellant has expressed satisfaction over the response of the public body in respect of question No. 1 of the information request. The implementation proceedings are 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 4711-05/2025**

**Aamir Baloch**

**Vs**

**Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)**

July 22, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 19-05-2025, submitted that the requisite information pertains to the Sindh Public Service Commission. The appellant, in his own information request, has mentioned that the queries pertain to the Sindh Information Commission, which is not within the domain of this Commission. Hence, the appellant is directed to approach the Sindh Information Commission if he is not 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

**Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No 4336-12/2024**

**Azmat Khan**

**Vs**

**Employees Old Age Benefit Institute (EOBI)**

July 22, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 30-04-2025 under RGL No. 153081415. No objection has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant 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

