

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 4000-09/2024**

**Samia Latif**

**Vs**

**Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)**

April 24, 2025

Anwar Latif, father of appellant, present. Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director, FBR and Zafar Iqbal, Second Secretary, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The appellant, in his information request, required the public body to provide him with the income tax returns/statements of six persons, namely: Muhammad Anwar S/o Noor Muhammad, Yasir Anwar S/o Muhammad Anwar, Rimsha Anwar S/o Muhammad Anwar, Iqbal Begum W/o Muhammad Anwar, Kashif Anwar S/o Muhammad Anwar, and Asif Anwar S/o Muhammad Anwar.
2. On notice issued to the public body, a written reply was furnished vide letter dated 06.11.2024, with the plea that Section 216 (i) of the Income Tax Ordinance prohibits the disclosure of information, whether provided in any statement made, return furnished, or account or documents produced as part of assessment proceedings. Similarly, exemption from disclosure was also claimed under Sections 16(1)(i)(b) and 7(1)(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The appellant filed a rejoinder over the said reply and stated that the exemption claimed by the public body is not applicable in the case of the appellant. The Commission has gone through the contents of the information request, written reply, rejoinder filed by the appellant, and the relevant law on the subject, and has come to the conclusion that the information required by the appellant in Para-1 of his information request pertains to income tax returns, accounts, and wealth statements of six persons named in the information request, and said record has been given protection under Section 216(ii) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. Hence, it cannot be shared with the appellant.

3. However, the Commission feels it appropriate to highlight the matter for the knowledge and appropriate action by the Chairman, FBR, in terms of the preamble of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, which speaks about promoting sound economic growth, good governance, and respect for human rights. Revenue generation is high on the agenda of the government. The Commission would like to specifically draw the attention of the Chairman, FBR to Para-2 of the appeal regarding the allegedly unauthorized accumulation of wealth without any payment of taxes/duties. The details of the persons are enclosed, which may help the public body to recover its rightful dues from these persons if liable.
4. Copy of the order be sent to the Chairman, FBR to look into the matter referred above and pass an appropriate order in the matter. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to the appellant as well.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No 4477-02/2025**

**Malik Ihsan Haider Awan**

**Vs**

**Pharmacy Council of Pakistan**

April 24, 2025

Muhammad Fahad, Assistant Director (Admin), Pharmacy Council of Pakistan appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 21-04-2025 under RGL No 153080845. 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. 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 4226-11/24**  
**Shakeel Jamal Qureshi**

**Vs**

**CDA**

February 19, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body. However, the Commission has examined the contents of the information request, appeal and response submitted by the public body and it is found that the information / documents required by the appellant does not constitute an information request as required under Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. 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