

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No. 4885-07/2025

Dr. Ali Muhammad

Vs

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

December 24, 2025

Muhammad Usman, Deputy Secretary and Hafiz Haseeb, Assistant Director, PID appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The information provided by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 01-12-2025 under RGL No. 15426365, which has been returned undelivered with the remarks that the applicant has shifted his address. The Commission directed the official of the Commission to call the applicant on the contact number given in his information request and appeal.
2. He called and submitted that the number is switched off. In view of this, no further proceedings are required, and in case the applicant approaches this Commission, the information shall be provided to him. 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. 5067-11/2025

Nauman Ali Haider

Vs

Comsats University, Islamabad

December 24, 2025

Asif Mushtaq, Deputy Registrar, Comsats University, Islamabad appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 27-11-2025 under RGL No. 154263540.
2. The applicant has acknowledged and appreciated the receipt of the reply under implementation of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. He has, however, raised four points, which were read out to the representative of the public body during the proceedings before the Commission. These points stem from the information provided to the applicant as per his information request. However, he has raised few queries not included in the original request. These queries relate to the fact that the advertisement showed that the posting was announced for a specific term, which was extendable subject to satisfactory performance. He has stated that the appointment was made on a contract basis, which was extended, and later it was put into effect till its superannuation. This amounts to the grant of regular appointment. This matter, however, is not within the purview of the Commission and may be taken up by the applicant at the appropriate forum. In response to the applicant's query as to how joining of the official was affected before the approval of the BOG, the representative of the public body states that this is their norm as per the BOG instructions, that the joining on any post is implemented and its BOG approval is obtained in the subsequent BOG meeting.
3. The public body has not provided clear legal or administrative justification regarding continuation of the post on contract till the superannuation of the official who was appointed on contract. He has also stated that this arrangement was endorsed by the BOG under Section 42 of the COMSATS University Act, 2018, whereby actions done prior to formulation of the Act are treated as legal. Be that as it may, these are the information arising out of the queries of the applicant, for which, if the applicant

suspects any wrongdoing, he may approach the relevant quarters in this regard.

4. The Commission, under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, is mandated to provide permissible information under the law to the applicant, which has already been done. The preamble of the Act broadens the role of the Commission, and in that spirit, the Commission would like to send a copy of this order to the Rector of COMSATS University for appropriate corrective measures for the past, present, and future, for the sake of good governance. 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. 4897-08/2025

M. Abbas Raza

Vs

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)

December 24, 2025

Mahmood Nazir Rana, Law Officer, SBP appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has provided certified copy of order of the Islamabad High Court in pursuance of the order of the Commission dated 04-12-2025. The Commission has noted a significant part of the order of the IHC dated 04-12-2025 passed in W.P. 5131-2025 which is reproduced below for ready reference;

“In the meanwhile operation of the impugned order dated 15-10-2025 shall remain suspended. In case the adjudication of instant matter is unnecessarily delayed by the petitioner then this Court will consider recalling of the injunctive order.”

2. In view of the order of the Islamabad High Court, the implementation proceedings in this appeal are sine-die adjourned, however, in case the order of the Commission sustains the applicant may approach the Commission for implementation of the order of the Commission.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No. 4364-01/2025

Adeel Ahmad

Vs

Federal Ombudsman Secretariat

December 24, 2025

Munir Ahmed Advocate appeared on behalf of the applicant. Iftikhar Hussain Naqvi, Associate Advisor and Asif Ali, PS, Federal Ombudsman Secretariat appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Inquiry Officer has submitted his report in pursuance of the order of the Commission dated 16-12-2025. The findings (conclusions) of the Inquiry Officer are reproduced below for ready reference.

“The inquiry into Mr. Adeel Ahmed's complaint against the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat has revealed significant discrepancies and inconsistencies regarding the handling of information and communication. The findings indicate that contrary to the Federal Ombudsman's claims about the discontinuation of implementation proceedings, evidence from Mr. Munir Ahmad shows that hearings were indeed scheduled. Additionally, while the Ombudsman stated that Dr. Sardar Moazzam was not required to attend personally, evidence suggests he was summoned. Furthermore, the Federal Ombudsman's shift in stance concerning the inquiry officer's inability to contact Mr. Adeel and Advocate Arshad Hussain raises concerns about the reliability of the inquiry process. Typographical errors were dismissed without substantiation, and claims about failed communication due to missing contact information were disproven by documented postal addresses on file. Collectively, these issues highlight a lack of clarity and accuracy in the Federal Ombudsman's responses.”

2. On a query from the Commission as to why no action has been proposed to the Commission based on the inquiry findings, he stated that he confined his inquiry report in respect of Section 20(1)(d) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
3. The applicant states that the ingredients of his complaint are established and that the Commission shall proceed to take action as authorized by law. The representative of the public body states

that the law (the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017) does not provide for any punishment and that there is no specific provision in this regard. He denied that any false information has been provided. He stated that there is no mention of false information in the law. He also requested provision of the inquiry report. The applicant states that action may be initiated against the public body under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. In this contesting position, and in view of the seriousness of the matter, let the inquiry report be shared with the applicant as well as the public body, as it is essential to take the views of both parties before taking any action, as per the legal maxim.
5. Adjourned to 20-01-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No. 4996-10/2025

Salman Farooq

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

December 24, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 01-12-2025 under RGL No. 154263653. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has been 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. 4622-04/2025

Ali Abbas Khan

Vs

Capital Development Authority (CDA)

December 24, 2025

None present except Muhammad Ali Advocate associate of Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply to the show cause notice has been received from the Secretary (CDA Board), regretting the delay in submission of the reply due to departmental and procedural delay, and requesting withdrawal of the show cause notice.
2. In view of the positive conduct of the officer of the public body in different appeals and the language of the reply to the show cause notice, the show cause notice is withdrawn.
3. The response of the public body was handed over to the applicant, as mentioned in Para-1 of the order of the Commission dated 26-11-2025. No adverse remarks have been received from the applicant, which means that the contents of the appeal have been taken care of. Reply to the show cause notice has also been received. No further proceedings are required. The implementation proceedings stand settled. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner