

**Pakistan Information Commission**

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**Appeal No-244-01/2020**

**Muhammad Aslam Chaudhry**

(Appellant)

Vs.

**Sui Northern Gas Pipe Line Ltd.  
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural  
Resources**

(Respondent)

**ORDER**

**Mohammad Azam:** Chief Information Commissioner

**A. The Appeal**

1. The Appellant filed an appeal with the commission on 10/01/2020 in which he stated that he had requested information from Managing Director/ Company Secretary of the SNGPL under Right of Access to Information Act 2017:
2. The information sought by the Complainant, through application dated 26/11/2019, is as under :

<b><u>“Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Detail of Information</u></b>
<p><b><u>HR Cost</u></b></p> <p>In order to find with HR bench mark already approved by OGRA is justified to compare with bench mark of other utilities operating in the country.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Gross salary of Managing Director per month and other perks.</li> <li>ii. Nos of Senior General Manager with per month gross salary of each and other perks.</li> <li>iii. Nos of General Manager with Gross salary per month of each and other perks.</li> <li>iv. Nos of chiefs with per month gross salary of each and other perks.</li> <li>v. Maximum annual increase in gross salary of each.</li> <li>vi. Nos of subordinates drawing per month gross salary Rupees 3 lac.</li> <li>vii. Total amount of overtime per month being paid.</li> <li>viii. Total monthly wages being paid per month to casuals and contract employees.</li> <li>ix. Total financial effect of CBA last agreement.</li> <li>x. Fee being paid to directors and other perks per meeting.</li> <li>xi. Number of meetings held during Financial year 2017-2018.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transport Fleet</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Category wise detail of vehicles owned by the company.</li> <li>ii. Category wise detail of hired vehicles.</li> <li>iii. Operational and personal allocation of vehicles along with monthly operating cost of each.</li> <li>iv. Nos of Fortuner’s vehicle and their allocation along with monthly operating cost.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hired offices and accommodations</b></p>	<p>Detail of annual rent being paid to hired accommodations.</p>
<p><b>Security Services</b></p>	<p>Total cost of security services being paid</p>

Legal services	Total cost of legal services being paid.
Operating cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Operating cost per MCF budgeted and actual</li> <li>ii. Per MCF region wise distribution cost</li> <li>iii. Per MCF region wise operating cost.”</li> </ul>

## B. Proceedings

3. Through a notice dated 28/01/2020, the Commission called upon the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information.
4. The Respondent did not respond to the notice and the hearing date was fixed for 10/03/2020 through the hearing notice sent on 24/02/2020 and both parties were informed accordingly.
5. Mr. Hafeez Ullah Yaqoob, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan and Mr. Ali R. Khattak, Executive Law Officer SNGPL appeared on behalf of the Respondent on the date of hearing on March 10, 2020. They promised to send a reply to the Commission on March 17, 2020. However till date no written reply has been received from the Respondent.

## C. Discussion and Commission’s View on Relevant Issues

6. It is a matter of grave concern that the Respondent did not respond to the request of the Appellant within ten working days after the receipt of the request of the citizen. The Respondent also failed to send written reply to the Commission as promised on the date of hearing on March 10, 2020.
7. The perusal of the requested information shows that it falls within the scope of Section 5 (a) and 5(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017. The requested information by the applicant requires proactive disclosure.
8. It can be seen that the relevant information also falls under Section 8 hence the public body should Endeavour to ensure that all record accessible under this act is computerized and available online, to facilitate the access of citizens to such public records.
9. The commission is of the view that the Respondent failed to implement Section 12 and Section 13 (1) & (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 as requested information has not been provided to the appellant.
10. The respondent has not been able to furnish the requested information to the citizen within a maximum of 20 working days of the receipt of the information request and thus failed to implement Section 14 (1) and (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

#### **D. Order**

11. The appeal is allowed. The Respondent is directed to provide the requested information to the Appellant, as per his request at the earliest, but in any case, not later than 10 working days of the receipt of this order. Furthermore, the Respondent is directed to take immediate steps to proactively share through the web site all categories of information mentioned in Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 and submit the compliance report to the commission by 18/08/2020.
12. Copies of this order be sent to the Secretary Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Respondent (MD SNGPL) and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam  
Chief Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah  
Information Commissioner

Announced on: July 17, 2020

