

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5283-01/2025**

**Agha Hassan Khurshid**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Finance**

March 26, 2026

Saeed Anwar, Section Officer, Ministry of Finance and Ch. Adeel Ashraf, SVP / PIO, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 24-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311851. 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**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No 5223-12/2025**

**Hamza Ali**

**Vs**

**Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL)**

March 26,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Grievance of the petitioner, as per his information request, is that the gas connection already provided in the name of his grandfather, Muhammad Yunus, was transferred in the name of Amjad Younis, but without any NOC or consent of the legal heirs, including himself.

2. The applicant has sought certified copies of all documents submitted and relied upon during the name change, including but not limited to CNIC copies, affidavits, applications, verification reports, and any internal processing notes.

3. The public body, vide letter dated 09-02-2026, filed a written reply explaining that the applicant submitted an application dated 04-12-2026 stating that the said gas connection was installed in the name of Mr. Muhammad Younas, i.e., grandfather of the applicant, and his uncle, Mr. Amjad Younas, had transferred the ownership of the said gas connection in his name without his NOC and requested for reversal of the gas connection in the name of the previous owner. Whereupon, notice was issued to Mr. Muhammad Younas. Since no response was received, the said gas connection was disconnected. The public body has also submitted certified copies of the application, specimen affidavit, and property documents, death certificate of Mr. Muhammad Younas, Contract and last paid gas / electricity bill.

4. Copy of the written reply along with relevant documents was shared with the applicant.

5. The applicant has acknowledged its receipt but has filed a rejoinder stating that he is not satisfied with the response of the public body as he has not been provided with a copy of the NOC signed by all legal heirs and also has not been provided copies of the documents which were shown to him by the concerned officer of SNGPL Abbottabad, but he did not attach the copies of the same which were allegedly shown to him.

6. The objection of the applicant that he has not been provided a specimen of the NOC signed by all legal heirs is not concerned with the

Commission. The Commission has obtained the documents which were used for the transfer of the meter connection from the public body, and if there is any illegality in the process of the gas connection, the applicant may approach the concerned forum for redressal of his grievance, such as OGRA.

7. With these observations, 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 5100-10/2025**

**Sajjad Hussain**

**Vs**

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

March 26, 2026

Ms. Mehwish Khan, PIO, NEECA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has furnished implementation report responding to Query No. 1 and 11 of the information request in categorical manner. Let it be shared with the applicant. No further proceedings are required. The implementation stands settled. 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 5107-11/2025**

**Barrister Dilawar Khan**

**Vs**

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

March 26, 2026

Applicant in person. Abdul Basit Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant has requested information, including a certified copy of the contract executed between OGDCL and M/s Air Drilling Associates, details of the scope of work, project duration and contract value, record or correspondence concerning the extension of the contract period, including approvals, addendums, or supplementary agreements, copies of any internal or external approvals or notifications issued by OGDCL relevant to the extension, and information about the status of the contract.
2. The public body, vide letter dated Nil, furnished a written reply with the plea that the required information is exempted from disclosure under Section 16 (b) (iii) and 16 (i) (iv) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant for filing a rejoinder, if any.
3. Although he has not filed any objection within the required time, the applicant opposed the said plea of the public body.
4. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, appeal, written reply filed by the public body, and heard both the parties.
5. Under Section 6 (c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, contracts and agreements made by the public body have been declared public record. The exclusion of certain records from this section has been provided in Sections 7 and 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and none of the said provisions excludes the operation of the said record from the scope of Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
6. As far as the plea of the public body under Section 16 (b) (iii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is concerned, although the learned counsel of the public body made his

submissions effectively, this section does not apply in this appeal.

7. Taking a plea under Section 16 (i) (v) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the learned counsel for the public body stated that the matter in respect of the subject matter is sub judice before the District Judge, Islamabad but no document has been furnished in this regard. Anyhow, it is provided in the said provision that information may be exempted from disclosure if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the proceedings before the court.
8. According to Black's Law Dictionary, the word "prejudice" is defined as "*a forejudgment; bias; partiality; preconceived opinion; a leaning towards one side of a cause for some reason other than a conviction of its justice.*"
9. The Commission, after examining the relevant law on the subject and the definition referred to above, has come to the conclusion that if a copy of the contract—which is declared a public record under Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017—is shared with the applicant, it shall not prejudice the proceedings before the court.
10. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. The Managing Director, OGDCL, is directed to furnish the required information to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
11. Adjourned to 07-05-2026 for implementation proceedings.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**

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**Order**

**Appeal No 5153-11/2025**

**Mahmood Ahmad**

**Vs**

**Establishment Division**

March 26,2026

Aamir Sheikh, Section Officer, Establishment Division  
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Commission has perused the record and found that the public body, vide letter dated 20-01-2026, has annexed a copy of the approved summary of the then Prime Minister of Pakistan declaring Performance Evaluation Reports, Training Evaluation Reports, Working Papers, and Minutes of Meetings of the Departmental Promotion Committee, Departmental Selection Board, Central Selection Board, High Powered Selection Board, Directory Retirement Board, and Directory Retirement Committees as classified under Section 7(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, on 10-01-2022, which would stall any provision of the information requested by the applicant.
2. In view of the above situation, no further action can be taken. 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 5006-10/2025**

**Dr. Hamza Noor**

**Vs**

**Islamabad Police**

March 26, 2026

Faisal Bukhari, Law Officer, Islamabad Police appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 17-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311661. 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

