

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5080-11/2025

Uzair Razzaq

Vs

Ministry of Industries and Production

January 27, 2026

Syed Zaqi Hassan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Production appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant in his information request and appeal required information in respect of 71 points detailed in the information request from the public body. On notice issued by the Commission on appeal, the public body vide letter dated 08-12-2025 submitted that Mr. Suhail Ahmed, the then Deputy Secretary, Industries and Production Division, is a BS-19 officer of the Secretariat Group, is not an employee of ministry of Industries and Production. He was posted to this Division vide Establishment Division's Notification dated 17th August, 2021. He was subsequently transferred on deputation to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Secretariat, Islamabad, vide Establishment Division's Notification dated 24th January, 2023. He performed duties in this capacity from 17th August, 2021 to 24th January, 2023

It is further submitted that the requisite information in respect of Mr. Suhail Ahmed, Deputy Secretary pertains to Establishment Division being parent Division and also Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ&K) Council Secretariat, Islamabad.

2. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who has filed a rejoinder stating that the information shared by the public body is incomplete and that Serial No. 2 and 59 to 71 relate to the Ministry of Industries and Production, whereas the rest of the points, as advised by the office, the applicant will approach the Secretary, Establishment Division for obtaining the same.
3. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply furnished by the public body, and rejoinder and has found that Serial No. 2 and 59 to 71 relate to the Ministry of Industries and Production, as the said points are in respect of the period served by Sohail Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, in the office of the Ministry of Industries and Production, and all the information mentioned above is public record and does not enjoy any

exemption from disclosure; therefore, the appeal is partially allowed.

4. In view of the above, the appeal is partially allowed. Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Production is directed to furnish information / written response in respect of the information cited at Serial No. 2 and 59 to 71 of the information request to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
5. Adjourned to 25-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No 5051-10/2025

Tahir Shafi

Vs

Ministry of Interior

January 27, 2026

Muhammad Rafiq, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Interior
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide information request dated 01-10-2025 addressed to the Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, required the following information,

وزارت داخلہ کے زیر اہتمام جاری کردہ تمام اسلحہ لائسنسز (انفرادی و ادارہ جاتی) کی مکمل فہرست بشمول لائسنس ہولڈر کا مکمل نام لائسنس کی قسم (ممنوعہ اور غیر ممنوعہ وغیرہ) لائسنس نمبر

جاری ہونے اور معیاد ختم ہونے کی تاریخ

2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to the applicant within the stipulated time period; hence, he filed this appeal. On notice issued by the Commission after institution of the appeal, the public body vide letter dated 18-11-2025 submitted that arms licenses are issued in accordance with the Pakistan Arms Rules, 2023, and the provision of data/information relating to the names of individuals cannot be provided in terms of Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 due to national security. Furthermore, it is stated that the Government has imposed complete ban on the issuance of new prohibited arms licenses w.e.f. 30-01-2024.
3. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply furnished by the public body, and the relevant law on the subject. It is noted that the request of the applicant to share names of the license holders and license numbers constitutes personal information of individuals and enjoys exemption under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. However, information in respect of the issuance of total licenses during the last five years, without disclosing the names of the license holders, can be provided under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Similarly, year-wise data of Non-Prohibited Bore and Prohibited Bore license numbers is also public record.

4. In view of the above, the Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, is directed to furnish the total number of year-wise data of Non-Prohibited Bore and Prohibited Bore license numbers to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
5. Adjourned to 25-02-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 3720-07/2024

Munir Ahmad

Vs

National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA)

January 27, 2026

Applicant present in person. Umer Sajjad Chawan Advocate, Mian Qasim Advocate and Ms. Mehwish Khan, PIO, NEECA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Arguments heard. Contents of the complaint and inquiry submitted by the Inquiry Officer have been gone through. As far as point No. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 10 are concerned, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the Commission acknowledges NEECA's prior statement and stated that if the complainant disagrees, he may seek relief from the appropriate forum.
2. About Serial No. 4 of the complaint, there is controversy between the parties as to whether the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Board were finalized or not. The public body's stance is that the minutes of the 11th Board meeting were annulled in the 12th meeting. However, the complainant's version is that although the required minutes of the meeting were approved in the 11th Board meeting, prior to the 12th meeting they had attained finality.
3. Serial No. 3 is about the misplacement of a document and later on its location. The complainant alleged that the public body made false statements about the misplacement of the document and has now taken the plea that the same is available.
4. From all the above said discussion, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue an advisory warning to the Public Information Officer of the public body to remain careful in future while making any statement before the Commission or filing written replies. The Commission also deems it appropriate to pass a direction to the public body to hold its Board meetings regularly in order to avoid any gap in implementation.
5. Taking lead from the preamble, we feel inclined to issue directions to the public body as well as to the Secretary, Ministry of Energy (Power Division), to ensure that governance matters are properly monitored and implemented. No further proceedings are required. The complaint stands disposed of.

Copy of the order be sent to both the parties. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties as well as to the Secretary, Ministry of Energy (Power Division).

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No 4269-12/2024

Nauman Ali Haider

Vs

Islamabad Employees Social Security Institution

January 27, 2026

Hamza Gillani, Assistant Director (Law), Islamabad Employees Social Security Institution appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 25-11-2025 under RGL No. 154263475. 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 5108-11/2025

Muhammad Waseem Elahi

Vs

Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO)

January 27, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 06-01-2026 under RGL No. 154224406. 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 4267-12/2024

Iftikhar Hussain Shah

Vs

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

January 27, 2026

Applicant present in person. Ch. Adeel Ashraf, SVP/ PIO, ZTBL and Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has furnished written reply to the objections filed by the applicant, copy of the same was handed over to the applicant, who has expressed satisfaction over the response of the public body and submitted that he does not want to press this appeal further.
2. In view of above, 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

