

Pakistan Information Commission
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Appeal No-274-02/2020

Azaz Syed

(Appellant)

Vs.

**National Database and Registration Authority
Through Deputy Director Media (Public Information Officer)**

(Respondent)

ORDER

Date: July 17, 2020

Mohammad Azam: Chief Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal with the commission on 3/02/2020 in which he stated that he had requested information from National Database and Registration Authority under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
2. The information sought by the Complainant, through application dated 2/07/2019, is as under
 - i. “What is the total number of national identity card holders in Pakistan? Also provide total number of people who are disable ID card holders, segregated by gender and nature of disability of each person. “

B. Proceedings

3. Through a notice dated 3/02/2020, 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. No one appeared on behalf of the Respondent on the date of hearing on March 10, 2020.

C. Discussion and Commission’s View on Relevant Issues

6. Reading of the requested information shows that it falls under Sections 5 (a) & (k) and 6 (c) of Right to Information Act 2017. The requested information by the Applicant requires proactive disclosure.

7. It is a matter of grave concern as to why has the Respondent failed to respond to the notices issued by the Commission.
8. 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.
9. The commission is of the view that the Respondent has not provided the requested information to the citizen within a maximum of 20 working days of the receipt of the information request and thus failed to comply by Section 14 (1) and (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

D. Order

10. The appeal is allowed. The Responded is directed to provide the relevant 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.
11. Copies of this order be sent to the Director General National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Respondent and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on: July 17, 2020

This order consists of two pages, each page has been read and signed.