

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4580-02/25

Abdul Rahman

Vs

Ministry of Defence

January 28, 2026

Lt. Col ® Muhammad Yasir, Legal Advisor and Aitzaz Ul Haq, Assistant Legal Advisor, Ministry of Defence appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body were heard at length regarding the implementation of the order dated 29-10-2025. They stated that all relevant information has been provided to the applicant in another Appeal No. 4011 of 2024 and that in this appeal, the information request is with changed wording.
2. The Commission examined the points of the information request of both the appeals and also perused the information and the response provided in Appeal No. 4011/2024, and the same was compared with the information request of the present appeal. It was observed, after minute examination, that the relevant information has already been provided in the other appeal. The material provided in Appeal No. 4011/2024 comfortably addresses the queries of the applicant in this appeal. There is not much that can be provided additionally in view of the examination conducted above and perusal of the files of both the appeals; therefore, the implementation proceedings of this appeal stand 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 5103-11/2025

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

January 28, 2026

Umer Ali Khan, Legal Advisor, NEPRA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant who vide his email dated 24-01-2026 has acknowledged its receipt and expressed satisfaction over the information furnished by the public body.
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

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Appeal No 5179-12/2025

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives

January 28, 2026

Mehmood Ur Rahman, Assistant Chief, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant who vide his email dated 24-01-2026 has acknowledged its receipt and expressed satisfaction over the information furnished by the public body.
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

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Appeal No 4558-03/2025

Mian Sultan Mahmood

Vs

Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO)

January 28, 2026

Muhammad Rizwan appeared on behalf of the applicant and has furnished authority letter dated 29-09-2025. None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. This appeal has been filed by Mian Sultan Mehmood, CEO, M/s Creative Electronics Pvt Ltd. On notice of the appeal, the representative of IESCO furnished a written reply. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant who has filed rejoinder thereover. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of appeal, written reply furnished by the public body and rejoinder.
2. The public body in Para 4 of the written reply has submitted that the appeal is not maintainable because the appellant is Chief Executive of M/s Creative Electronics which was the bidder in the tendering process initiated by the respondent/IESCO.
3. It was further added that since the applicant has gone into litigation at different forums and during the pendency of the litigation the required information cannot be provided.
4. The Commission takes up the first objection which is on the ground that it has not been filed by the applicant as Citizen of Pakistan but as CEO of the company.
5. Under section 2 (ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 it is provided that “applicant” means a citizen of Pakistan, as defined in law, who lodges a request or any person who is acting for or on behalf of such a person.
6. The procedure has been laid down in section 11 of the Act for filing information request.
7. Section 11 (i) provides that subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made there under, a citizen of Pakistan may make a request to a public body through the designated official.
8. From the definition of applicant under section 2 (ii) read with section 11 (i) it has been found that under the Act **a citizen of Islamic Republic of Pakistan** may make a request for obtaining any information.
9. Under section 17, the procedure is laid down for filing appeal before the Commission and it is provided that a citizen who is not satisfied by the decision of the designated official or where no decision has been communicated to him within the time fixed

for such decision, he may, within a period not exceeding thirty days after either receiving a decision or after the time-limit for such a decision has passed, prefer an appeal to the Commission.

10. In the preamble of the Act, it is provided that the Government believes in transparency and the right to have access to information to ensure that **the people of Islamic Republic of Pakistan** have improved access to records held by public authorities and promote the purpose of making the government more accountable to its people, of improving participation by the people in public affairs, of reducing corruption and inefficiency in Government, of promoting sound economic growth, of promoting good governance and respect for human rights.

AND whereas it is expedient to provide for a law which gives effect to the fundamental right of access to information, as guaranteed under Article 19A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and international law, whereby everyone shall have the right to have access to all information held by public bodies subject only to reasonable restrictions imposed by the law and for matters connected therewith.

11. It is further noted that the mother law has recognized under Article 19-A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan that every citizen shall have the right to have access to information in all matters of public importance subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by law.
12. All the provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 mentioned above make it clear that the Right to Information is provided to the citizen of Pakistan and not to any other body corporate.
13. In the present case the information request and appeal have been made by introducing himself as CEO, M/s Creative Electronics but not as a citizen of Pakistan. Hence the appeal is not maintainable and is dismissed, however the applicant would have the right to file information request as a citizen of Pakistan and if the required information is not provided he may file a new appeal before the Commission. 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 5136-11/2025

Nadir Khan Jadoon

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

January 28, 2026

Atta Ullah Shabir, Secretary (Customs Operation), FBR
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 08-12-2025 has furnished the required information, which was shared with the applicant vide notice dated 18-12-2025 under RGL No. 154833347.
2. The Assistant Director, after examining the written reply, required the public body to submit responses to Query Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the information request. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and questioned the representative of the public body, who made a statement that data in respect of Query No. 4 is not available with the public body as it pertains to the Ministry of National Health Services and Coordination.
3. Whereas the information required at Query No. 6 relates to the Ministry of Commerce being a policy matter. It is further noted that the remaining data addresses all the information requested. Moreover, the applicant has not filed any objections regarding the sharing of the information despite the lapse of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations, 2023.
4. In view of the 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

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Appeal No 5118-10/2025

Khushdil Khan Malik

Vs

Establishment Division

January 28, 2026

Shoaib Ahmed, Section Officer, Establishment Division appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant who vide his email dated 27-01-2026 has informed that he is unable to attend the hearing however he is satisfied with the information provided by the public body.
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

