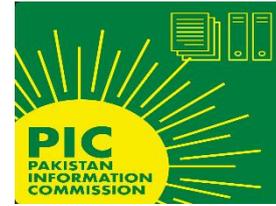


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**Appeal NO-280-02/2020**

**Azaz Syed**

(Appellant)

Vs.

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

(Respondent)

**ORDER**

**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 (NADRA) under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
2. The information sought by the Complainant, through application dated 5/11/2019, is as under:
  - i. “Please provide a list of all minorities registered in NADRA, and total number of people holding ID cards in each minority.”

**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. The requested information pertaining to ‘the list of minorities registered in NADRA, and total number of people holding ID cards in each minority partially falls under public record under Section 5 (a) & (k) and Section 6 (c).
7. The respondent by not replying to the notices issued by the Commission has shown total disrespect to the Right of Access to Information Act 2017. The

commission notes with grave concern that why the respondent has ignored the request of the appellant and has not attended the hearing.

8. 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 falling under Public record has not been provided to the appellant.
9. 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 Respondent is directed to provide the requested information to the Appellant 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 Chairman National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Respondent and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam

Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik  
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah  
Information Commissioner

Announced on: July 17, 2020

