

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4461-01/2025

Murtaza Hashim

Vs

Senate of Pakistan

July 30, 2025

Muhammad Javed Iqbal, Deputy Director, Senate Secretariat appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Commission vide order dated 17-7-25, after receiving the rejoinder over the information provided by the public body, concluded that Senate Secretariat Service Amendment Rules are public information and cannot be withheld by the public body. Whereas about the remaining information, it was held that it stands classified by the ruling of the Chairman, Senate of Pakistan. Whereas about the remaining information, i.e., Rules of the Senate Secretariat, same has been furnished by the representative of the public body and it be shared with the appellant.
2. 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 4499-02/2025

Nauman Ali Haider

Vs

Press Information Department (PID)

July 30, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The Audit Bureau of Circulation, MOIB, and PID, vide letters dated 20-03-2025 and 10-04-2025 respectively, furnished written replies along with relevant documents, including list of ABC-valid publications. Copy of the said replies and documents was shared with the appellant, who acknowledged its receipt but, vide rejoinder dated 12-05-2025, stated that the figures disclosed by the ABC are grossly inflated and statistically inconsistent. He has requested that the Public Information Officer be directed to furnish accurate, audited, and verifiable circulation records along with the inspection report and press certification, and also requested to hold the Public Information Officer and concerned officer accountable. He also requested to initiate forensic audit of the circulation records and also systemic reforms to prevent further misuse of public funds.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply of the public body, and rejoinder of the appellant. As far as the allegation by the appellant that the figures disclosed by the ABC are grossly inflated and statistically inconsistent, the appellant may file a separate complaint under the provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The requests of the appellant in his rejoinder from point 1 to point 4 are beyond the scope of the information request and hence cannot be entertained. However, regarding the recommendation for systemic reforms the Commission observes that the issues pointed out by the appellant in his rejoinder, although beyond the scope of the information request, are in line with the spirit of the preamble of the Act. Therefore, we feel inclined to forward this to the Secretary, MOIB, for necessary consideration and appropriate action for improvement wherever needed.

3. In view of the above, the appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to the appellant and the respondent. Copy of the order be also sent to the Secretary, MOIB, for looking into the recommendations and taking action in accordance with the law.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4429-01/2025

Nauman Ali Haider

Vs

Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination

July 30, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 23-04-202 under RGL No. 153080959. No objection has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant 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 4349-12/2024

Muhammad Saeed

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

July 30, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 29-05-2025, furnished the required information with a copy to the appellant. The appellant, in his email dated 11-06-2025, requested a hard copy of the information, which had already been sent to him by the public body vide letter dated 29-05-2025. After the said date, the office also shared the same information with the appellant vide 15-05-2025 under RGL No. 153051957 but no response has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant 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 4556-03/2025

Aamir Baloch

Vs

Employees Old Age Benefit Institute (EOBI)

July 30, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 13-06-2025, furnished the information in respect of Query No. 1 of the appellant, except disclosing the name and parentage of the employees registered with the EOBI. It was claimed by the public body that the name and father's name of the employees fall under the exempted Clause 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, being information related to a third party.
2. The appellant, vide email dated 06-07-2025, acknowledged receipt of the information but claimed that no exemption is available to the public body in disclosing the names of the employees.
3. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply of the public body, rejoinder filed by the appellant, as well as the law on the subject. The public body has disclosed all the information of the employees registered with EOBI except disclosing their names and father's names, which certainly falls under the provision of Clause 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, being information related to a third party. Hence, the objection raised by the appellant are not sustainable.
4. 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

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4254-11/2024

Azmat Khan

Vs

Employees Old Age Benefit Institute (EOBI)

July 30, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 15-05-2025 under RGL No. 153051945. No objection has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant 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 4356-12/2024

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

July 30, 2025

Adeel Ashraf, SVP / PIO, ZTBL and Muhammad Jibrán, Law Officer, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 30-07-2025 has filed answer of the queries of the appellant informing that no vehicle was taken by the Ex-President, Mr. Shahbaz Jamil from the money of exchequer, therefore, no further proceedings are required in this case.
2. Copy of the letter furnished today be shared with the appellant. 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 3732-06/2024

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

July 30, 2025

Adeel Ashraf, SVP / PIO, ZTBL and Muhammad Jibran, Law Officer, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The information required by the appellant was shared with the appellant vide order dated 02-12-2024. It is further noted that similar information was sought by the appellant in Appeal No. 3718, which was disposed of vide order dated 10-10-2024 after sharing the said information with the appellant. Therefore, the objections of the appellant are not sustainable and are turned down.
2. In fact, the appellant was not required to file a fresh appeal for the same information which he has already received in Appeal No. 3718. 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 4735-05/2025

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

July 30, 2025

Adeel Ashraf, SVP / PIO, ZTBL and Muhammad Jibrán, Law Officer, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 12-06-2025, informed that the requisite information does not fall under Section 2(v) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, hence cannot be provided. Copy of the said response was shared with the appellant, who acknowledged its receipt and filed a rejoinder. Today, when the representative of the public body was inquired about the reasons for the information request not falling under Section 2(v), he stated that no such order as claimed by the appellant is available on the record of ZTBL. This stance of the public body was inserted, with date and signature of the representative of the public body, into the earlier written reply dated 12-06-2025. Now, a copy of the same be shared with the appellant.
2. 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

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 4164-11/2024

Saddia Mazhar

Vs

Capital Development Authority (CDA)

July 30, 2025

Ali Muhammad Advocate appeared on behalf of the Ms. Mehraj Tareen Advocate, counsel for the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 12-03-2025, although submitted that the information required by the appellant is sensitive in nature and lacks specific detail regarding the nature and scope of the required information, making it difficult to process, yet in Para 4 of the said reply, has shown willingness to provide the said information comprising 5,000 copies, subject to payment of the fee under the regulations of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The Commission has also examined the information request, which provides details of the information in respect of beautification of Islamabad, the capital, and is not found to be vague.
2. In view of the above, since the public body is ready to provide the required information subject to payment of photocopying charges, and according to the Access to Information (Fee) Regulations, 2023 of the Commission, the public body is bound to share with the appellant the required information containing 20 pages free of cost. For the remaining documents, charges per copy fixed by the Commission are Rs. 7/- per page. In view of the above, the respondent/public body is directed to provide the required information to the appellant, subject to payment of Rs. 7/- per page. No further proceedings are required, and the appeal stands disposed of.
3. The appeal is allowed. The public body shall share the certified copies of the relevant record subject to the payment of the applicable fee. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

