

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No. 3705-06/2024

Muhammad Ahmad

Vs

Pakistan Microfinance Investment Company (PMIC)

April 01, 2024

Uzair Shafi Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the public body stated that the show cause notice issued to respondent was received on 31-03-2026, which did not leave much time for them to respond. They have requested at least 7 days to respond to the show cause notice. The learned advocates were advised to submit their observations in writing, which they have done after the hearing, and the same are being placed on the file. Para 2 and 3 of the order dated 25-03-2026 have already addressed the stance of the public body regarding submission of filing appeal against the order of the Islamabad High Court dated 28-01-2026.
2. This appeal was initiated on 29-05-2024 and has been heard at length, resulting in the passing of the order dated 10-09-2024, which was challenged by the public body in WP No. 3638 of 2024 before the Islamabad High Court, whereupon the Honorable High Court disposed of the matter with the remarks that the Court stated, “the impugned order dated 10-09-2024 has been passed by the Pakistan Information Commission within the scope of its lawful authority and in consonance with the object and spirit of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The writ petition is devoid of merit and does not call for interference under Article 199 of the Constitution,” and accordingly disposed of WP No. 3638 of 2024 by dismissing it. Whereupon the PIC initiated the implementation proceedings and issued a notice to the Chairman (BOD) for appearance, either in person or through a designated officer, on March 25, 2026, for implementation of the order.
3. The Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is a law enacted under Article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan and has a defined procedure. The root cause of the appeal is the non-action on the information request moved by the applicant before the public body under Section 11 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. In case of no response, the applicant comes before this Commission under Section 17 of the Act, and accordingly the proceedings were initiated.

4. The person to whom the information request is addressed (in the present case Chairman (BOD) is at the centre of the provision of the information as well as for the implementation of the order of the Commission.

5. Despite the passage of substantial period between Feb 17, 2026, and the hearing dated 25-03-2026, no concrete response was submitted on behalf of the public body through the Chairman (BOD). This resulted in the passing of the order as per para 4 of the order dated 25-03-2026, and accordingly, the Chairman was issued a show cause notice under the relevant section of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

6. In view of the request of the public body received on April 01, 2026, the Commission would allow them sufficient time for response as requested by them at para (a) of the letter dated 01-04-2026. The appeal is **adjourned to 14-04-2026** to enable the Chairman, BOD, to submit a response to the show cause notice as well as the status of the implementation of the order of the Commission dated 10-09-2024.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No. 5461-03/2026

Muhammad Ahmed Sultan

Vs

National Engineering Service of Pakistan (NESPAK)

April 01, 2024

Applicant present in person. Saif Ur Rahman, Focal Person, NESPAK appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has filed a written reply vide letter dated 31-03-2026 along with copy of the relevant documents. Copy of the same is handed over to the applicant, who, after seeing it, has expressed satisfaction and submitted that he does not want to press this appeal further.
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

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Appeal No. 5466-03/2026

Kashir Ali Sundrani

Vs

Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL)

April 01, 2024

Abdul Basit Bhatti Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body and filed fresh power of attorney.

1. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the public body has sought some more time for submission of written reply/required information, which is granted with the directions that, in future, the designated officer of the public body shall appear with the counsel. Furthermore, it is also directed that the written reply/required information (if not contested) shall be furnished within 10 days to the applicant as well as to this Commission.
2. Adjourned to 07-05-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No. 5190-12/25

Muhammad Nauman Ul Haq

Vs

National Bank of Pakistan

April 01, 2026

Aliya Zareen Abbasi Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The learned counsel for the respondent has furnished photocopies of the orders of the Lahore High Court passed in Writ Petition No. pass 4859 of 2023 and has further clarified that, in fact, writ petitions mentioned in the written reply were filed by the public body against the orders of the Commission.
2. She further clarified that no writ petition has been filed in respect of the appeal in hand. Therefore, the objection taken in Para 10 of the written reply does not apply in this case.
3. It was further submitted by the learned counsel for the public body that most of the information has already been provided to the applicant in another appeal and the remaining information is exempt from disclosure as it pertains to the privacy of the individuals. The submissions of the learned counsel for the public body are taken into consideration. It is directed that all objections that are taken before the Commission verbally be submitted before the Commission within 10 days.
4. Adjourned to 07-05-2026

Ijaz Hassan Awan

Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui

Chief Information Commissioner

