

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5269-01/26

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

National Grid Company of Pakistan

April 06, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request, required certain information in respect of the upgradation project of Vehari Grid Station from 200 KV to 500 KV.
2. The public body, vide letter dated 26-01-2026, filed a written reply submitting that the project is funded by AFD and is currently at the stage of tendering under the Chief Engineer Material Procurement and Management. It is stated that, as the construction contract has not been awarded yet, information regarding contractor details, commencement dates, and physical work progress is not available at this stage. However, it is stated that information which is not restricted or confidential under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, including project approvals, PC-1, budget allocation, and tendering process details, shall be provided to the applicant within the prescribed time frame.
3. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who, vide email dated 24-02-2026, acknowledged its receipt and stated that the reply of the public body is evasive, incomplete, and does not address the majority of the information.
4. It is further added that the information sought by the applicant is of public importance; hence, request is made to direct the public body to provide point-wise information and impose penalty under Section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
5. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply, the rejoinder of the applicant, and the relevant provisions of the law.
6. The public body has categorically stated that the project is at the tendering stage and the construction contract has not yet been awarded. However, the public body is willing to share the

information with the applicant to the extent of budget allocation, project approvals, PC-1, and tendering process details.

7. In view of the above-stated categorical reply of the public body and its willingness to share the public record, including budget allocation, project approvals, PC-1, and tendering process details, the appeal is partially allowed. The Managing Director, National Grid Company of Pakistan, is directed to share certified copies of budget allocation, project approvals, PC-1, and tendering process details within 10 days with the applicant as well as with this Commission.
8. Adjourned for implementation proceeding on May 04, 2026 at Camp office, Lahore.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 4337-12/2024

Azmat Khan

Vs

Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL)

April 06,2026

Usama Amjad Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body is shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311668. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have passed. No objection has been received from the applicant. It appears that the applicant 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

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5033-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

April 06,2026

Sumaira Rizvi, Deputy Director (Legal), ETPB and Muhammad Yar Shakir, Assistant, ETPB appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311884. A period of more than 20 days, as required under the Access to Information Regulations, 2023, has passed. No objection has been received from the applicant. It appears that the applicant is satisfied with the response of the public body.
2. Moreover, the public body, vide letter dated 06-04-2026, has furnished reply to the show cause notice signed by the Chairman, ETPB. The absence is regretted, and it is assured that ETPB will comply with the directions of this Commission in letter and spirit. The explanation furnished by the Chairman, ETPB, is found satisfactory; hence, the show cause notice is withdrawn.
3. As the required information already stands shared with the applicant and he has not filed any objection, 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 5058-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

April 06,2026

Sumaira Rizvi, Deputy Director (Legal), ETPB and Muhammad Yar Shakir, Assistant, ETPB appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 06-04-2026, has furnished reply to the show cause notice signed by the Chairman, ETPB. The absence is regretted, and it is assured that ETPB will comply with the directions of this Commission in letter and spirit. The explanation furnished by the Chairman, ETPB, is found satisfactory; hence, the show cause notice is withdrawn. Appeal to the extent of the information request is already disposed of. No further proceedings are required. Copy of the order be sent to the public body.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5053-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

April 06,2026

Sumaira Rizvi, Deputy Director (Legal), ETPB and Muhammad Yar Shakir, Assistant, ETPB appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 09-02-2026, filed a written reply submitting that the applicant may be requested to provide the name of the district in respect of Survey No. 61/62, as he has not mentioned the exact city/district/province in which the above-mentioned survey numbers are situated.
2. Copy of the written reply was shared vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311883, but he has not filed any reply/objection.
3. It is also noted that under Section 11(iii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, any written request that identifies the information or record sought in sufficient detail to enable the public body to locate it, and which includes a complete address and contact details for delivery of the information or record, shall be treated as a request. In the present case, the information request does not meet the requirements of Section 11(iii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, as the name of the city, district, and province has not been provided in respect of Survey No. 61 and 62.
4. In view of the above, no further proceedings are required, as neither has the applicant provided sufficient details of the required information nor responded to the information-sharing letter. 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

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5052-10/2025

Amir Baloch

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

April 06,2026

Sumaira Rizvi, Deputy Director (Legal), ETPB and Muhammad Yar Shakir, Assistant, ETPB appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 09-02-2026, furnished all the information except the bank statements of two accounts mentioned in the information request at Serial No. 4 thereof. A copy of the written reply and relevant details furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 13-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311785, and he has acknowledged its receipt and has shown satisfaction therewith except for the information cited at Serial No. 4 of the information request. It is the stance of the applicant that the said information pertains to public record and falls within the ambit of Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and does not enjoy any exemption under Sections 7 and 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. As far as Section 6 is concerned, bank statements of any account are not mentioned in the said provision. Under Section 7(d) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, it is provided that nothing contained in Section 6 shall apply to the records of all public bodies, including the records of banking companies and financial institutions relating to the accounts of their consumers. The information required by the applicant at Serial No. 4 of the information request pertains to bank statements and bank accounts of the public body, which are exempted from disclosure under Section 7(d) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Therefore, the objection raised by the applicant is not tenable and is turned down.
3. Since all the information, except the information cited at Serial No. 4, has been shared with the applicant and he has expressed satisfaction thereover, 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

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5054-10/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

April 06,2026

Sumaira Rizvi, Deputy Director (Legal), ETPB and Muhammad Yar Shakir, Assistant, ETPB appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311784. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have passed. No objection has been received from the applicant. It appears that the applicant 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

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5201-12/2025

Muhammad Ishaque

Vs

Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO)

April 06,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 13-01-2026, furnished a copy of the appeal addressed to the Chairman (BOD), FESCO, along with the FESCO Finance Service Rules, 2026. Copy of the written reply and annexed documents was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt but, vide application dated 02-02-2026, submitted that he be provided an uncertified copy of the appeal.
2. It is noted that the public body has provided a copy of the appeal and notification dated 13-01-2026, signed by the Director (Public Relations), FESCO, which covers the deficiency of the certified copy. Therefore, after sharing the said information, 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 5177-12/2025

Nadir Khan

Vs

Pakistan Railways

April 06, 2026

Rizwan Javed, Senior Manager Provincial, Pakistan Railways appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body furnished copy of the written reply dated 03-03-2026, with the submission that the same was sent to the Pakistan Information Commission Headquarters on 03-03-2026. The Commission has examined the file and did not find it on record. Let show cause notice be issued to Irfan Bashir, Assistant Director, PIC, to show cause as to why action under the relevant provisions of the law may not be initiated against him for not performing his duties efficiently.
2. The representative of the public body further submitted that reply to the show cause notice was also furnished on 10-02-2026, stating that the notice for the hearing dated 09-02-2026 was received late, i.e., at 02:30 PM; hence, appearance before the Commission could not be made. The reply to the show cause notice is found satisfactory; hence, it is withdrawn.
3. The written reply dated 03-03-2026 furnished by the public body shall be shared with the applicant for filing rejoinder, if any.
4. Adjourned to 04-05-2026 at Camp Office, Lahore.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 4192-11/2024

Ch. Kabir Ahmed Khan

Vs

PAF Falcon Complex, Lahore

April 06,2026

Squadron Leader Irfan Bhatti, Air Headquarters, Islamabad and Murtaza Naqvi Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Arguments heard. Serving officer of the Air Headquarters appeared in person and confidently stated that the community centre is run by a private entity. He also submitted a statement in writing stating that PAF or Administrator Falcon Complex does not have any supervisory/operational control over the community centre, which is a matter of private nature and does not relate to the administration of PAF Falcon Complex. He further stated that the parties are free to approach any other forum and that the information sought by the applicant has no connection with the public body. He has submitted that the appeal is not maintainable and made a request to dispose of the matter accordingly.
2. Para 6 of the order dated 04-08-2025 is quite relevant, which is reproduced below for ready reference.

“Under Section 6(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, it is provided that the information regarding grant of license, allotments, and other benefits, privileges, contracts, agreements made by a public body are declared to be public record.”
3. The community centre is located on the land of PAF Falcon; no matter, the administrator/administration would have entered into a private agreement for the functioning of the centre. Be that as it may, the order has taken care of these aspects and has directed the Administrator, PAF Falcon Complex Lahore, to provide copy of the agreement made with regard to the community centre developed on Falcon Complex land as permitted under Section 6(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, being a public record.

4. The Commission has no concern with the private management of the centre, but as far as the grant of the centre to some person through lease is concerned, it is an official and public record which needs to be provided to the citizen in pursuance of the order of the Commission dated 04-08-2025.
5. Moreover, due to non-compliance of the order, the Commission has already imposed penalty of 30 days' salary on the Administrator, PAF Falcon Complex, vide order dated 10-11-2025.
6. Accordingly, the Air Headquarters was directed to deduct the 30 days' salary of the Administrator, PAF Falcon Complex, as well as ensure provision of information in pursuance of the orders dated 04-08-2025 and 10-11-2025.
7. Copy of this order be sent to the PAF Air Headquarters, Military Accountant General, as well as to the PAF Base Commander, Lahore, for implementation of the orders.
8. Adjourned to 04-05-2026 at Camp Office, Lahore, for submission of implementation report.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5165-12/2025

Ch Kabir Ahmad Khan

Vs

PAF Falcon Complex

April 06,2026

Squadron Leader Irfan Bhatti, Air Headquarters, Islamabad and Murtaza Naqvi Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Arguments heard. Serving officer of the Air Headquarters appeared in person and confidently stated that the community centre is run by a private entity. He also submitted a statement in writing stating that PAF or Administrator Falcon Complex does not have any supervisory/operational control over the community centre, which is a matter of private nature and does not relate to the administration of PAF Falcon Complex. He further stated that the parties are free to approach any other forum and that the information sought by the applicant has no connection with the public body. He has submitted that the appeal is not maintainable and made a request to dispose of the matter accordingly.
2. The Commission has examined the contention of the representative of the Air Headquarters as well as the information request.
3. The contentions of the representative of the Air Headquarters hold ground, as the information requested at Serial No. 1, 2, and 3 of the information request pertains to a private matter between the contractor and the club members. However, the information at Serial No. 4, relating to the deposit of membership fee in the Falcon Society account and otherwise, and at Serial No. 5, relating to the tenure of the lease contract, are public information, as these relate to a public property leased out by the Falcon Complex to a private contractor.
4. Accordingly, the appeal is partially allowed. The Administrator, PAF Falcon Complex is directed to furnish the information cited at Serial No. 4 and 5 of the information request to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
5. Copy of this order be sent to the Administrator, PAF Falcon Complex, PAF Air Headquarters, as well as to the PAF Base

Commander, Lahore, for implementation of the orders. Copy of the order be also sent to the applicant for information.

6. Adjourned to 04-05-2026 at Camp Office, Lahore, for submission of implementation report.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 5109-11/2025

Muhammad Saleem

Vs

Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO)

April 06,2026

Muhammad Amir Shahzad Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body has filed reply to the show cause notice signed by the Chief Executive Officer, GEPCO stating that Mr. Abdul Karim, SDO Civil Lines Sub Division, Gujranwala, and Mr. Hafeez-Ullah Bajwa, Revenue Officer, Civil Lines Division, were directed to attend the hearing on the said date and time. However, both the aforesaid officers failed to appear before the Commission on the scheduled date. Consequently. Show Cause Notices have been issued against them by the competent authority for initiating disciplinary action as per policy in vogue. Request is made to withdraw the show cause notice. Reply to the show cause notice furnished today is found satisfactory, hence it is withdrawn. No further proceedings are required. Copy of the order be sent to the public body.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

