

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

APPEAL NO. E177-10-2021

Zehran Afzal

Versus

Allama Iqbal Open University

Date of Hearing:

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Zehran Afzal, former employee of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad filed an appeal dated October 20, 2021 before the Pakistan Commission on access to information, Islamabad. It is alleged that the request for information has not been responded by the University within the timeframe stipulated under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
2. Through an email application dated 05-10-2021 addressed to the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Registrar (Establishment), Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, he has desired the information and record of Dr. Hassan Raza (Dean) and Shah Farrukh (Librarian) invoking the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The detailed particulars of the requested information are:

Dr. Hassan Raza (Dean)

1. *Copy of degree of Doctorate and its equivalence certificate*
2. *Verified Fees receipts/slips of degree*
3. *Passport copy of the study period*

Shah Furrukh (Librarian)

1. *Appointment letter/ Statement of particulars*
2. *Termination letter*
3. *Reinstatement letter*
4. *Arrears detail after reinstatement*
5. *Correspondence by administration to Minister of Education*

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B. PROCEEDINGS

3. Notice of the Commission was responded by Additional Registrar-E, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad vide letter dated 16th November, 2021 as under:

Prof. Dr. Syed Hassan Raza,
Dean

1	<i>Copy of degree of Doctorate and its equivalence certificate.</i>	<i>A copy of the Doctorate degree of Syed Hassan Raza is enclosed (flag-A). However, equivalence certificate is not required as the degree has been confirmed /verified as genuine by the HEC through their letter dated 13.04.2012 (flag-B)</i>
2	<i>Verified Fees receipts/Slips of degree.</i>	<i>The degree has been officially verified by the AIOU from HEC. Meanwhile after lapse of 09 years of issue of a degree keeping record of fee is not possible.</i>
3	<i>Passport copy of the study period.</i>	<i>As passport is a personal document, therefore, copy of the same may be asked directly from the person concerned.</i>

Mr. Shah Farrukh,

Librarian

1	<i>Appointment letter/ Statement of particulars.</i>	<i>Copy of the appointment letter as well as his application form through which he applied for the post of Librarian is enclosed (flag-C)</i>
2	<i>Termination letter.</i>	<i>Copy enclosed (flag-D)</i>

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3	<i>Reinstatement letter.</i>	<i>On the appeal submitted by Mr. Shah Farrukh to the Pro-chancellor for reinstatement into service the Minister of State for Education Training & Standards in Higher Education in his capacity as Pro-Chancellor re-instated Mr. Shah Farrukhw.e.f. 27.07.2011 conveyed vide Ministry's letter No.F.1(68)2014 PT-II. His reinstatement was notified by AIOU vide Notification dated 20.06.2014 (flag - E). The said notification was revised vide Notification dated 21.07.2020 in the light of the Ministry of Education letter dated 02.04.2020 with the amendment of treating the absence period from 27.07.2011 to 20.06.2014 as duty period with financial benefits in accordance with the Government rules i.e. FR-54 (flag - F) .</i>
4	<i>Arrears detail after reinstatement.</i>	<i>Mr. Shah Farrukh was paid pay and allowance for the period from 27.07.2011 to 20.06.2014 as admissible under the rules.</i>
5	<i>Correspondence by administration to Ministry of Education.</i>	<i>Copies enclosed (flag-G).</i>

4. The appellant is not completely satisfied with the reply terming it incomplete. The points of dissatisfaction are as under:

Dr Hassan Raza

- i. Fee receipt and slips are not provided.*
- ii. Copy of the passport has not been provided*

Shah Farrukh

- i. Statement of particulars in which the eligibility criteria could be established + evaluation process & its requirement for the post.*
- ii. Arrears details has not been provided.*

C. COMMISSION'S VIEW

5. The appellant is a former employee of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. He has asked for information and record pertaining to Dr. Hassan Raza (Dean) and Shah Farrukh (Librarian). The information provided by the organization is not up to the satisfaction of the appellant.
6. The objection viz-a-viz Dr Hassan Raza for the fee receipts/slips and passport are the documents attached with the private privacy of an individual hence cannot be allowed to be shared with the third person.
7. The objection viz-a-viz Shah Farrukh for the provision of Statement of particulars in which the eligibility criteria could be established and evaluation process & its requirement for the post, is not sustainable as this is after thought prayer after the provision of the information and record requested in the application before the organization.
8. The Commission consider the response along with the annexed documents is comprehensive and self-explanatory. The appellant cannot be allowed to raise further queries that were not reflected in the application before the organization, at this junction. The objection raised by the appellant does not warrant any further processing of the appeal.

D. ORDER.

9. The appeal is disposed of having borne fruit.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on 7.3.2022

Certified that this order consists of four pages, each page has been read and signed.