

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**(Camp Office, Karachi)**

**Order**

**Appeal No. 4964-09/25**

**Ali Nawaz Khan**

**Vs.**

**Pakistan Airport Authority**

January 05, 2026

Abdul Basit Hassan, Assistant Director Legal, Pakistan Airport Authority appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 28.08.2025 addressed to the Senior Additional Director (HRTM) of the public body, required three information items listed in his information request. Allegedly, said information was not provided to the applicant, whereupon he filed this appeal. On notice to the public body, it furnished written reply which was shared with the applicant vide notice dated 27.10.2025 under RGL No. 154262615 but no response has been received.

2. The public body, in its written reply, has submitted that information required at serial number 2 and 3 of the information request has already been uploaded on the official website of the public body. However, the appeal is contested to the extent of the list of freshly appointed persons against 31 vacant posts of Assistant Director ATC, vide situation vacant notice number 1/2024.

3. The public body has submitted that the information pertaining to the identity of finally selected candidates is considered internal and non-disclosable under the provision of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017, particularly where such disclosure does not serve any direct concern of the applicant and may impinge upon the privacy of third parties. However, no specific provision of the RTI Act has been referred to regarding non-disclosure of the said information.

4. The preamble of the Act lays down that there should be transparency, good governance, and accountability of the public bodies in matters of their functions. If the list of freshly appointed persons, as required under serial number 1 of the information request, is disclosed, it shall only identify the names of the persons who have been appointed against vacant posts and shall not cause any prejudice to the public body. Moreover, the information required at serial number 1 of the information request pertains to public record and does not enjoy any exemption from disclosure under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

5. The representative of the public body today has further stated that a writ petition has also been filed by the applicant before the

Peshawar High Court, and has challenged the appointments. Therefore, the matter being sub-judice, the information should not be disclosed.

6. The Commission has gone through the contents of the writ petition which was produced by the representative of the public body and finds that if the information required by the applicant is disclosed, it shall not prejudice the proceedings pending before the Honorable Peshawar High Court. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. The public body is directed to furnish the list of freshly appointed persons against 31 vacant posts of Assistant Director ATC as required by the applicant at serial number 1 of the information request. Since remaining information has already been uploaded on the official website of the public body, therefore the applicant may visit the website for having said information.

7. Senior Additional Director (HRTM Headquarters), Pakistan Airport Authority Karachi, is directed to furnish the required information cited at serial number 1 of the information request within 10 days.

8. Adjourned to 16.02.2026 at Camp Office, Karachi

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Pakistan Information Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**  
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**Order**

**Appeal No. 5055**

**Amjad Islam**

**Vs.**

**Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)**

January 05, 2026

Agha Saeed Ahmed Pathan, Assistant Manager Law Department, PIDC appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 23.09.2025 addressed to the PIO of Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), required certain documents in respect of land acquisition for the purpose of the said public body. Allegedly, said information was not provided to the applicant within the stipulated period, which resulted in the filing of this appeal before the Commission. On notice to the public body on this appeal, written reply/comments were furnished by the public body vide letter dated 17.11.2025.

2. It was submitted that acquisition of correspondence initiated by the Revenue Department and West Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (WPIDC) in the year 1963-64, these documents do not pertain to the domain of the respondent, nor it holds such information as required. It is pertinent to mention here that WPIDC was dissolved by Dissolution Ordinance 1984, whereas Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation was formed as a private company under Companies Ordinance 1984.

3. It is further added that the applicant was timely intimated of this fact when he personally visited the office of the respondent, and he was advised to approach the office of Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad to obtain the required documents, as said office is the custodian of the record mentioned in the appeal of the applicant.

4. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide notice dated 21.11.2025, and he has acknowledged the receipt of the same but vide email dated 01.12.2025 has submitted that cost of the compensation was paid by the respondent, therefore the document with regard to the cost of compensation and application as well as other correspondence made by the respondent may be required.

5. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply furnished by the public body, and rejoinder of the applicant. The Commission has also heard the representative of the public body and has found that the representative of the public body has categorically stated before this Commission that neither compensation was paid by the public body in respect of the land acquisition nor it holds record of that proceeding.

6. In view of the categorical statement of the representative of the public body coupled with the written reply furnished on 19.11.2025, no further proceedings are required since the public body does not hold the required information/record; it cannot be ordered to share it with the applicant or with the Commission. The applicant may approach the Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad for having the required information. 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