

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No 4980-10/2025

Muhammad Saeed

Vs

National Engineering Service of Pakistan (NESPAK)

January 12, 2026

M. Khalid Khurshid, Chief Engineer, and Riaz Ahmed Qazi, Administrator, NESPAK appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. In response to the written reply furnished by the public body on the last date of hearing, the applicant, vide email dated 03-01-2026, has shown dissatisfaction, stating that the reply to query No. 1 is not in accordance with the sought record with reference to the rules of the National Archives Act.
2. In respect of the remaining queries, the applicant has submitted that replies to the said queries are missing. The Commission has examined the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder of the applicant, and noted that the public body, in its written reply, has categorically stated that the required record stands destroyed and was stored in trunks and wooden racks with project name indications, and as such, no register was maintained for such huge waste record. It is further added that the disposal of the record was carried out in May 2013, almost 10 years after the completion of the project. A record sheet indicating the project's details and disposal date was also attached with the written reply.
3. Reply to queries No. 3 to 6 was given as above. It is further noticed that objection No. 1 of the complainant is beyond the scope of the information request, as in the information request only a certified copy of the necessary approval was sought, and there is no mention of the rules of the National Archives Act.
4. In view of the above, the objections raised by the applicant in the rejoinder are not sustainable. 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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Order

Appeal No 5074-11/2025

Shakeel Ahmed

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

January 12, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. On the last date of hearing, the Director (PR), MEPCO, requested for grant of adjournment, which was granted. Today, again it is submitted that the public body came to know about the hearing upon checking the website of the Information Commission, and no prior notice of the said hearing date was received by this office through official means. It is further added that, due to dense fog conditions, the motorways remained closed for most of the time; therefore, another request is made for adjournment.
2. As far as the pendency of this appeal is concerned, it is within the notice of the public body, as it made written request for grant of adjournment vide letter dated 02-01-2026, and the said request was considered.
3. The Commission has not asked the public body to ensure the presence of any official of the public body before the Commission, but comments have been sought from the public body, which can be filed through post; therefore, the excuse mentioned in the email dated 11-01-2026 is not acceptable.
4. In view of the above, let show-cause notice be issued to the Public Information Officer, MEPCO, directing him to show cause as to why penalty may not be imposed and proceedings under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 may not be initiated against him for non-submission of the written reply/required information before the Commission.
5. Adjourned to 09-02-2026 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 5075-11/2025

Shakeel Ahmed

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

January 12, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. On the last date of hearing, the Director (PR), MEPCO, requested for grant of adjournment, which was granted. Today, again it is submitted that the public body came to know about the hearing upon checking the website of the Information Commission, and no prior notice of the said hearing date was received by this office through official means. It is further added that, due to dense fog conditions, the motorways remained closed for most of the time; therefore, another request is made for adjournment.
2. As far as the pendency of this appeal is concerned, it is within the notice of the public body, as it made written request for grant of adjournment vide letter dated 02-01-2026, and the said request was considered.
3. The Commission has not asked the public body to ensure the presence of any official of the public body before the Commission, but comments have been sought from the public body, which can be filed through post; therefore, the excuse mentioned in the email dated 11-01-2026 is not acceptable.
4. In view of the above, let show-cause notice be issued to the Public Information Officer, MEPCO, directing him to show cause as to why penalty may not be imposed and proceedings under Section 20(1)(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 may not be initiated against him for non-submission of the written reply/required information before the Commission.
5. Adjourned to 09-02-2026 at Camp Office, Lahore

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Order

Appeal No 5078-11/2025

Muhammad Ashraf

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

January 12, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-12-2025 under RGL No. 154263866. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 has been 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

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Appeal No 4879-06/2025

Abid Khan

Vs

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

January 12, 2026

Applicant present in person. Nouman Rathor Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-12-2025 under RGL No. 154263867, and the applicant, vide his letter dated 30-12-2025, has filed a rejoinder.
2. Both the parties have been heard at length, and a heated discussion took place. The applicant stated that he has not received copy of the final sanctioned/approval letter for shifting and installation of the commercial transformer issued by the competent authority, as required at Serial No. 6(i) of the information request.
3. He has shown his reservations about the rest of the information and has submitted that the transformer was wrongly shifted, and that the signatures on the concerned letter from the shopkeepers were obtained after the shifting of the transformer.
4. The Commission has examined the information request, the response of the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant, and found that the information sought by the applicant has been provided by the public body.
5. The applicant has reservations about the procedure adopted by the public body and the acts of omission and commission in the process, which are beyond the purview of this Commission. However, the applicant may lodge complaint against the public body for any act over and above the law/policy before the appropriate forum, which may be the Head of LESCO, NEPRA, or any court of law.
6. The public body has already stated that the process of shifting of the transformer has been carried out on the basis of the application furnished before the Commission.
7. 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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Order

Appeal No 4877-07/2025

Naveed Akhtar

Vs

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

January 12, 2026

Nouman Rathor Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Earlier, the written reply of the public body was shared with the applicant, who has filed a rejoinder stating that the stance of the public body is based on falsehood and dishonesty. Now, the public body, vide letter dated 09-01-2026, has submitted that, in view of the repeated orders of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), LESCO offices periodically cleared up the record for disposal, and this exercise has been carried out many times in the past. It is further added that all the information required by the applicant has been disposed of under the directions of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), and LESCO does not hold the information required by the applicant for sharing it with him. Copy of the letter of the public body dated 09-01-2026 be shared with the applicant. Since the public body has categorically stated that the record/information required by the applicant has been cleared up/disposed of and the public body does not hold this information/record, therefore no order can be passed to share the required information. The appeal stands disposed of. However, if the applicant believes that the public body has furnished false information, he may file a complaint against the public body under Section 20 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. 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 5128-08/2025

Muhammad Qasim

Vs

Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO)

January 12, 2026

Abdullah Arif Malik, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the respondent and filed fresh power of attorney issued by the respondent. He has pointed out that the present appeal is not maintainable as the information request attached with the appeal is not addressed to the Public Information Officer or the head of the public body.

2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and the memo of the appeal and noted that although the appeal has been filed against Mr. Muhammad Abdullah, MERAJ Directorate, FESCO, CEO of FESCO, and Public Information Officer of FESCO, the copy of the information request annexed with the appeal shows that it is only addressed to Mr. M. Abdullah, Additional Director, MERAJ Directorate, FESCO, and not to the Public Information Officer or the head of the public body.
3. According to Section 11(i), it is provided that, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, a citizen of Pakistan may make a request to a public body through the designated official.
4. In the present case, since the information request has neither been addressed to the Public Information Officer nor to the head of the public body, i.e., FESCO, it is not maintainable; hence, the appeal stands dismissed. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner