

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

Order

Appeal No. 5545-02/2026

Muhammad Hashim Shahzad

Vs

Water & Power Development Authority (WAPDA)

June 08, 2026

Shoaib Muhmammad, Deputy Director (Purchase), WAPDA
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Muhammad Hashim, one of the bidder filed information request dated 04-02-2026 for obtaining certified copies of the documents submitted by the following bidders, for the purchase of tires for one year (Call off contract),
 - i. M/s Atif Brothers
 - ii. M/s Sethi Group
 - iii. M/s Dynamic Engineering Solution (SMC-Private) Ltd
 - iv. M/s Rafiq and Company
 - v. M/s Art and Graphics (Pvt) Ltd.
2. Allegedly said information was not provided, hence he filed this appeal. On issuing notice on the appeal, the public body furnished written reply vide letter dated 22-04-2026 and contested the information request. It is submitted that Office of Chief Engineer DG (Purchase & Disposal) WAPDA invited applications for prequalification of suppliers for participation in subsequent invitation(s) to bid and for signing closed framework agreement(s) for procurement of tyres. In response thereto, six (06) applications were received and opened through EPADS. The applications were evaluated by the competent Evaluation Committee strictly in accordance with the prescribed prequalification criteria and the Final Evaluation Report was uploaded on EPADS. Resultantly, M/s M. Hashim International Business House was declared non-responsive / not qualified for not meeting the mandatory requirement of Average Annual Turnover, as provided in the prequalification documents.
3. It is further submitted that the appellant subsequently filed a grievance against its disqualification, which was considered by the competent Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC). After hearing and examination of the available record, the GRC rejected the grievance.
4. It is further submitted that disclosure of other bidders' documents during the currency of the procurement process was premature and could prejudice the integrity of the procurement proceedings,

compromise fair competition, and expose the procuring agency to avoidable disputes and litigation. It is further submitted that the complainant has already been informed of the outcome of the prequalification process through the Final Evaluation Report and the decision of the GRC. Thus, the basis of his disqualification was duly communicated to him.

5. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant who vide letter received on 07-05-2026 has submitted that the respondents are legally deficient, evasive, and structured to defeat the statutory right of access to information guaranteed under Article 19-A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The respondent has failed to discharge its statutory burden, as it has neither identified any specific exemption clause under the law, nor demonstrated any real or tangible harm that may arise from disclosure, nor applied the mandatory public interest override test.
6. The representative of the public body has also been heard and the law on the subject has also been perused. Admittedly the information required by the applicant pertains to certified copies of bids offered by certain firms (third party) and the evaluation report by the concerned committee has been uploaded by the public body on EPADS. The applicant's firm was not found qualified for the said procurement process and the applicant was informed accordingly by the public body. The information required by the applicant pertains to record obtained from third party and its communication would constitute an actionable breach of confidence and it is exempted from disclosure under Section 7 (g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 hence cannot be disclosed. The objections raised by the applicant in his rejoinder are turned down.
7. In view of the above discussion, without sharing any further information sought by the applicant as it is covered under Section 7 (g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, 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
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Order

Appeal No. 5205-12/2025

Waqas Aziz

Vs

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

June 08, 2026

Ch. Imtiaz Elahi, Chief Law Officer and Adeel Razzaq, Assistant Director, LESCO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 27-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313452. 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. 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. 5287-11/2025
Raja Razzak
Vs
Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

June 08, 2026

Ch. Imtiaz Elahi, Chief Law Officer and Adeel Razzaq, Assistant Director, LESCO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 27-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313450. 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. 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. 5409-02/2026**

**Asad
Vs**

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

June 08, 2026

Ch. Imtiaz Elahi, Chief Law Officer and Adeel Razzaq, Assistant Director, LESCO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 06-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313929. 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. 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. 5566-04/2026
Nabeel Ahmad
Vs
Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

June 08, 2026

Ch. Imtiaz Elahi, Chief Law Officer and Adeel Razzaq, Assistant Director, LESCO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 04-06-2026, has annexed copies of certificates obtained from the Assistant Managers (Operations) of Sarfraz Nagar Sub-Division, Phool Nagar Sub-Division, Jumber Sub-Division, Pattoki City Sub-Division, Pattoki Rural Sub-Division, Sarai Mughal Sub-Division, and Hallah Sub-Division, certifying that no FIR regarding theft of electricity has been registered by the said Sub-Divisions; therefore, no question arises regarding the sharing of copies of the same.

2. The response submitted by the public body addresses all the queries contained in the information request; therefore, let it be shared with the applicant. 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. 5485-03/2026

Muhammad Qasim

Vs

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

June 08, 2026

Ch. Imtiaz Elahi, CLO, LESCO and Adeel Razzaq, Assistant Director, LESCO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 02-03-2026, required information from the public body in respect of the recruitment, posting, and other connected matters of Ms. Kinza Ali, Assistant Manager Monitoring, LESCO. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to her; hence, she filed this appeal.
2. After the institution of the appeal and issuance of notice, the public body, vide letter dated 30-04-2026, provided information in respect of Query Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 13, and 14 of the information request. However, information in respect of Query Nos. 4 (merit list), 5 (constitution of the interview panel), 8 (duration of service), 9 (copies of educational degrees and professional qualifications), and 10 (verification reports of degrees from HEC) was not furnished. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 06-05-2026, who acknowledged its receipt but, vide email dated 19-05-2026, filed rejoinder stating that the information furnished by the public body was vague and incomplete and that the public body had failed to mention any specific provision of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 which exempted disclosure of any of the information.
3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, the rejoinder of the applicant, and the relevant provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. It is noted that the information cited at Serial Nos. 9 and 10 of the information request relates to the privacy of an individual, which is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017; hence, it cannot be shared. However, all remaining information pertains to public record and is covered

under Sections 5 and 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

5. In view of the above, the appeal is partially allowed. The public body is directed to furnish the information cited at Serial Nos. 4, 5, 8, and 12 of the information request to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
6. Adjourned to 13-07-2026 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. 5508-03/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

June 08, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 07-05-2026 under RGL No.170313850. 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. 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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Government of Pakistan
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Order

Appeal No. 5591-04/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

June 08, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. However, the public body, vide letter dated 30-04-2026, furnished a written reply answering all the queries contained in the information request by referring to the relevant provisions of the Consumer Service Manual (copy attached), which was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 05-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313793. The applicant acknowledged receipt thereof but, vide email dated 10-05-2026, filed a rejoinder stating that MEPCO had failed to clearly specify the legal provisions relating to the required information.

2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder of the applicant, and found that the written reply furnished by the public body adequately answers all the queries contained in the information request. Hence, the objections raised by the applicant are turned down.
3. 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. 5222-12/2025
Muhammad Yousaf Badar
Vs
Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO)

June 08, 2026

Amanat Ali, XEN, GEPCO appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body furnished responses to the queries of the applicant along with the relevant documents. Copies of all three responses furnished by the public body were shared with the applicant, who acknowledged receipt thereof and filed three rejoinders.
2. In the last rejoinder, it is stated that the information furnished by the public body contains serious contradictions and inconsistencies in its statements and reports. It is further added that the public body has taken shelter under exemptions and has deliberately refrained from providing the required information.
3. The Commission examined the contents of the information request, the written replies furnished by the public body, and the rejoinders filed by the applicant, and has found that, except for the information cited at Serial Nos. A(3), C(2), and D(2) of the information request, all the information has been furnished and adequately addresses the information request. As far as the information cited at Serial No. A(3) is concerned, it pertains to the electricity connection of a third-party individual, whereas the information sought at Serial No. C(2) relates to details of bills charged in certain cases to certain consumers, and at Serial No. D(2), information is sought regarding show-cause notices issued in such cases. All the said information pertains to the privacy of

individuals and has no nexus with the electricity connection of the applicant. The said information cannot be shared with the applicant, as it is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(g) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. It is noted that all the information, except the information sought at Serial Nos. A(3), C(2), and D(2), has been furnished and stands shared with the applicant. 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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(Camp Office, Lahore)

Order

Appeal No. 5518-03/2026

Muhammad Qasim

Vs

Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO)

June 08, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 06-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313939. 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. 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. 5482-03/2026
Memoona Tayyaba
Vs
Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO)**

June 08, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 06-05-2026 under RGL No.. 170313925. The applicant vide her email dated 20-05-2026 has acknowledged its receipt and expressed satisfaction over the same.

2. In view of 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

**Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
(Camp Office, Lahore)
Order
Appeal No. 5543-04/2026
Muneer Hussain
Vs
General Post Office, Pakistan Post (Jhang)**

June 08, 2026

Ijaz Hussain, Assistant Superintendent, Pakistan Post appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 18-05-2026 under RGL No. 170314127, which was acknowledged by the applicant. However, vide letter dated 23-05-2026, the applicant filed a rejoinder stating that he could not find the required information on the website of Pakistan Post. Today, the representative of the public body furnished a hard copy of the required information; let it be shared with the applicant. 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