

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order
Appeal No. 5091-11/2025
Moazzam Ali Khan
Vs
Ministry of Interior

June 09, 2026

Muhammad Azeem Akhtar, Section Officer, (ECL), Ministry of Interior appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The representative of the public body vide letter dated 09-06-2026 has furnished compliance report stating that the name of the applicant has not been placed on ECL after 09-10-2025 (i.e. the date of filing of the information request). The said report addresses the compliance of the order of the Commission dated 26-03-2026 and there is no need to proceed further. Copy of the letter dated 09-06-2026 be sent to 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
Order
Appeal No. 5457-03/2026
Kashif Shahzad Khan
Vs
Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control

Order:

Ijaz Hassan Awan

Information Commissioner

June 09, 2026

Dr. Mudasir, Section Officer, Ministry of Interior and Hareem Banuri, Assistant Director, FIA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request dated 26-02-2026 addressed to the Public Information Officer / Designated Officer, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad, required certain information in respect of offloading of passengers at airports and export of skilled and unskilled workers, as highlighted in the information request.
2. Allegedly, the said information was not provided to the applicant; hence, he filed this appeal. After institution of the appeal and issuance of notice to the public body, the Director Law, FIA Headquarters Islamabad, vide letters dated 16-04-2026 and 06-05-2026, furnished written replies answering all the queries of the information request. In addition to that, the Ministry of Interior, vide letter dated 08-06-2026, submitted the Visa Policy with the further note that the said Ministry places reliance on the written replies furnished by the FIA vide the letters referred to above. As far as the Visa Policy is concerned, it is not the subject matter of the information request and was not required; however, placing reliance on the response of FIA by the Ministry of Interior, the matter is disposed of as under:
3. The Commission shared copies of the written replies furnished by FIA with the applicant, who acknowledged receipt thereof but filed a rejoinder dated 30-05-2026 contesting the plea of

the public body in respect of certain exemptions under Sections 7(g), 16(1)(j)(iv), and 16(1)(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written replies furnished by FIA and the Ministry of Interior, and the rejoinder of the applicant.
5. In the light of the discussion and arguments of the representatives of the public body appearing before this Commission, and after perusal of the law on the subject, the information request as well as the appeal is disposed of as under:
6. At Serial No. 1(a) of the information request, the applicant required the total number of citizens offloaded at all international airports of Pakistan during 2023, 2024, and 2025, with year-wise breakup. The FIA sought exemption of the said information under Section 16(1)(j)(iv) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, while also placing reliance on the order of the Commission dated 03-03-2026 passed in Appeal No. 5192-12/2025 titled Saddia Mazhar Vs FIA, whereby it was held that the law provides blanket exemption relating to immigration operations and does not segregate it into numerical or statistical details. In the light of the above-said order of the Pakistan Information Commission, the public body declined to share the said information. After perusal of the relevant record as well as the relevant provisions of Section 16(1)(j)(iv) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the Commission holds that the information required by the applicant is in connection with the operation of immigration control, which is exempted from disclosure; hence, the written reply filed by the public body is sustained and the objection raised by the applicant in the rejoinder is turned down.
7. At Serial No. 1(b) of the information request, the applicant required legal grounds or reasons for offloading in each category. The FIA, in its written reply, sought exemption from disclosure under Sections 7(g) and 16(1)(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, while also placing reliance on

the order of the Commission dated 03-03-2026 passed in Appeal No. 5192-12/2025. The plea of the public body regarding disclosure of the said information is not sustainable, as the question asked by the applicant has been found to be a matter of public importance, and every citizen has the right to know the reasons and legal grounds for offloading in order to be equipped with the required documents. Therefore, the Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, is directed to furnish the said information within 10 days. The reply should include a list of valid documents required for legal travel.

8. In response to the information sought at Serial No. 1(c) and 2(b) of the information request, the public body has taken similar plea seeking exemption from disclosure as taken in the earlier matters discussed above; however, the said plea is not found reasonable. However, the representative of the public body present today stated that every offloaded citizen is provided a written order/reasons on the basis of which he is offloaded. In view of this, the information sought at Serial No. 1(c) and 2(b) stands settled.
9. At Serial No. 2(a) of the information request, the applicant required certified copies of any laws, rules, notifications, circulars, or SOPs that authorize immigration/FIA officials to offload passengers at departure. The public body, in its written reply, has taken the plea of exemption of the said information from disclosure while placing reliance on the order dated 03-03-2026 passed in Appeal No. 5192-12/2025 titled Saddia Mazhar Vs FIA, and has further stated that laws and rules are available for the general public, including major Acts and Rules, on the internet and are readily accessible to the public. As far as the claim of the public body about the exemption is concerned, it is not tenable, as the public body itself has stated that the information is already available on the internet. The Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, is directed to furnish the specific link of the website to the applicant from where he can access this information.
10. At Serial No. 3(a) of the information request, the applicant required details of the official complaint mechanism available

to citizens who are offloaded before departure. The public body has taken the plea of exemption from disclosure under Section 16(1)(j)(iv) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, which is not tenable and is turned down. The Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, is directed to upload the said information on the website and furnish the specific link of the website to the applicant from where he can access this information.

11. At Serial No. 3(b) of the information request, the applicant required the total number of complaints received during 2023-2025 regarding offloading along with action taken reports or outcomes. FIA, in its written reply, sought exemption from disclosure under Sections 7(g) and 16(1)(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, which is not tenable. The Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, is directed to furnish information about the number of officials/officers proceeded against on account of misconduct without mentioning their names.
12. Information sought at Serial No. 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 5(a), 5(b), 6(a), 6(b), 6(c), and 6(d) does not fall under the purview of the public body as per its written response. These matters fall under the Bureau of Immigration, which is under the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis. In view of the above, the applicant may seek this information from the relevant Ministry.
13. In response to the information sought at Serial No. 7(a) of the information request, FIA has taken the plea of exemption and reliance has been made on the order dated 03-03-2026 passed in Appeal No. 5192-12/2025, which is not tenable. It is a matter of public importance, and the public should know about the said measures. Therefore, the Designated Officer / Ministry of Interior is directed to upload the said information on the website and provide the specific link of the website to the applicant as well as to this Commission.
14. In response to the information sought at Serial No. 7(b), FIA has taken the plea of exemption and reliance has been made on the order dated 03-03-2026 passed in Appeal No. 5192-12/2025, which is not tenable. Hence, if any internal audit or

inquiry is conducted by the public body in respect of misuse of authority in passenger offloading or workforce export facilitation, it should be disclosed without mentioning the names of the officers/officials. This information is otherwise beneficial for the proper working and institutional health of the public body.

15. In view of the above, the appeal is disposed of in the manner stated above. The Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, is directed to furnish the information cited at Serial No. 1(b) and 3(b) of the information request to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days. He is further directed to upload the information cited at Serial No. 2(a), 3(a), 7(a), and 7(b) of the information request on the website and provide the specific link of the website to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days. Copy of the order be sent to the Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, for implementation. Copy of the order be also sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Interior, and Director General, FIA.
16. Adjourned to 09-07-2026 for implementation proceedings.

Announced on: June 03, 2026

Certified that this order consists of 5 (five) pages, each page has been dictated, read, corrected and signed.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No. 5315-01/26

Muddasir Munir Cheema

Vs

National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA)

June 09, 2026

Umar Gulzar, Senior Executive, NADRA 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. 170313457. 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
Order
Appeal No. 5228-12/2025
Waqas Aziz
Vs
Capital Development Authority (CDA)

June 09, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. However, information furnished by the public body was handed over to the applicant present before the Commission on the last date of hearing i.e. 05-05-2026. 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.

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