

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order
Appeal No. 5542-04/2026

Naeem Ahmad
Vs
Ministry of Interior

June 10, 2026

Shahab ud Din, Section Officer, Ministry of Interior appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 18-03-2026 addressed to the designated officer/Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior required information in respect of number of personnel deployed to prevent the TLP protest in October 2025, seeking the type of weapons or anti-riot equipment these personnel were equipped with, and details of weapons or anti-riot equipment used by Rangers personnel during the protest, whether for self-defence or for dispersing protesters.

2. Allegedly said information was not provided to the applicant, hence he filed this appeal. After institution of appeal and notice by the Commission, the public body vide letter dated 05-05-2026 forwarded a copy of letter dated 18-04-2026 written by Director General, Pakistan Rangers Punjab. Copy of which was shared with the applicant vide notice dated 07-07-2026, but no response or objection has been received from the applicant on this reply. However, since the public body has taken specific plea regarding exemption from disclosure under Section 7 and 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, therefore the matter requires adjudication by the Commission which is decided as under:

3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of appeal, written reply furnished by the public body, relevant provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and also heard the arguments of the representative of the public body. The public body in the written reply has stated that according to Rules of Business, Pakistan Rangers Punjab being a civil armed force is an attached department of the Ministry of Interior and is deployed on requisition under lawful authority. It is further added that Pakistan Rangers is entrusted with border and internal security matters, including information relating to operational matters, security plans, deployment, intelligence, internal assessments, and other sensitive records which require secrecy and are limited to

selective/authorized personnel only. Hence, the record requested by the applicant falls under Sections 7 and 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and enjoys exemption from disclosure.

4. The Commission has examined the relevant provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Under Section 7(e) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, it is provided that nothing contained in Section 6 shall apply to records relating to defence forces, defence installations or connected therewith and ancillary to defence and national security, excluding all commercial and welfare activities of all public bodies.

5. Under Section 16(1) (e)(i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, it is provided that information may be exempted if its disclosure is likely to cause serious prejudice to the defence or security of Pakistan, effectiveness of armed forces of Pakistan, or other law enforcement agencies.

6. In the case in hand, the applicant has sought information about deployment of security personnel on a specific day of protest by TLP, including type of weapons and their use by the deployed forces, which certainly falls within the exemption provided under Sections 7 (e) and 16 (1) (e) (i) and 16 (1) (e) (ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Its disclosure is likely to cause serious prejudice to the defence and security of Pakistan and the capability and effectiveness of the armed forces of Pakistan. Therefore, the said information cannot be shared as it is exempted from disclosure under 7 (e) and 16 (1) (e) (i) and 16 (1) (e) (ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The appeal is disposed of as above. 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. 5430-03/2026
Naeem Ahmad
Vs
National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA)

June 10, 2026 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 20-05-2026 under RGL No. 170314243. 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. 5436-03/2026
Sami Ullah
Vs
Establishment Division

June 10, 2026

Naseer Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Establishment Division appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 07-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313905. 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

Government of Pakistan
Order
Appeal No. 4915-08/2025
Muhammad Sajjad Hussain
Vs

National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA)

June 10, 2026 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 07-05-2026 under RGL No. 170313923. 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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