

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order
Appeal No. 5567-04/2026
Shahid Shuja Qazi
Vs
Ministry of Finance

June 16, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body. The public body, vide letter dated 13-05-2026, furnished written reply stating that the request in the information request cannot be accepted, being contrary to Section 2(x), read with Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Copy of the said written reply was shared with the applicant, who filed rejoinder vide email dated 15-06-2026, stating that the response is vague and legally unsustainable, and that the refusal is arbitrary and contrary to the principles of transparency and accountability. It is further stated that the information sought is purely administrative in nature and directly relates to the functioning of the public body.

2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written response of the public body, rejoinder of the applicant and relevant provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. It is noted that Query (A) of the information request, containing eight queries, relates to the Establishment Division, whereas Query (B) relates to the Ministry of Finance, against whom this appeal has been filed. Query (B) pertains to the duties and functions of the employees of the public body, which are required to be uploaded on the internet as mandated under Sections 5(a) and 5(d) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Therefore, the objection of the public body that it does not pertain to public record as provided under Sections 2(x) and 6 of the

Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is not sustainable. Accordingly, the appeal is partially allowed. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, is directed to share the information mentioned in Para (B) of the information request with the applicant as well as with this Commission within 10 days. However, in respect of the information contained in Para (A) of the information request, the applicant may approach the concerned quarter if he so desires.

3. Adjourned to 30-06-2026 for implementation proceedings.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order
Appeal No. 5447-03/2026
Abid Khan
Vs
National Highway Authority (NHA)

June 16, 2026

Iram Shaheed Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, vide his information request, required a certified copy of the order/notification issued in pursuance of letter No. F.(37)/Gen1/IHC/6544 dated 30-07-2018 by NHA. The public body, while furnishing a written reply through Ms. Mehraj Tareen, Advocate, stated that the required information is vague; hence, the respondent could not provide the same. The Commission, after examining the information request and written reply, allowed this appeal vide order dated 12-05-2026 directing the Chairman, NHA.
2. Now, copy of letter dated 30-07-2018 has been received from the public body through its Advocate, along with Notification No. 11(3)/Gen/Coord/NHA/2018-590 dated 15-11-2018 issued by NHA, whereby certain vehicles of the armed forces, ambulances, fire brigades, provincial police, vehicles bearing High Court flags/insignia plates, and National Highways and Motorway Police vehicles have been exempted from toll tax.
3. In the said notification, no member of the Bar has been granted exemption from toll tax by NHA. The letter dated 30-07-2018 was issued by the Registrar, Islamabad High Court, to the Chairman, NHA, forwarding the request of the Islamabad High Court Bar Association; however, NHA has not issued any notification exempting members of the Bar from toll tax. Copies of both the notification and the letter mentioned above 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
Order
Appeal No. 5414-02/2026
Mehwish
Vs
Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

June 16, 2026 None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 01-04-2026, filed a written reply providing point-by-point information in respect of the information request, along with the relevant data, which was shared with the applicant vide notice dated 01-04-2026. The applicant has acknowledged its receipt but filed a rejoinder, received on 20-04-2026, raising certain objections and stating that the information provided by the public body contains multiple deficiencies highlighted in the rejoinder.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memorandum of appeal, written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant. The point-by-point questions and their answers were perused, and the Commission is satisfied that the relevant and complete information has been provided to the applicant. The objections raised in the rejoinder are beyond the scope of the information request and, therefore, cannot be provided to the applicant. 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

**Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan**

**Order
Appeal No. 5045-10/2025**

Nadir Khan

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

June 16, 2026

Attaullah Shabir, Secretary (Customs), FBR appeared on behalf of the public body and furnished reply to the show-cause notice, wherein he tendered an unconditional apology for not appearing before the Commission. It is further submitted that the non-appearance occurred due to the undersigned being sick on that day and being on medical leave. In view of the above, the show-cause notice is withdrawn.

2. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 20-05-2026 under RGL No. 170314299. 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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Order

Appeal No. 5352-02/2026

Advocate Aimen Malik

Vs

Central Directorate of National Savings

June 16, 2026

Applicant present in person. Sahar Maqsood, Assistant Director, Central Directorate of National Savings appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The response provided by the public body was handed over to the applicant on 05-03-2026, who filed a rejoinder, which was shared with the public body. The public body, vide letter dated 23-04-2026, again furnished another response, which was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 30-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313680. Again, the applicant filed a rejoinder specifically regarding the information cited at Serial Nos. 3, 7, and 9 of the information request.
2. Regarding Serial No. 3, the public body stated that no requisition letter was issued for the transfer of Mr. Muhammad Afzal, Stenotypist; rather, he was transferred purely on his own request. The representative of the public body stated that no request letter from Mr. Muhammad Afzal, Stenotypist, is available on the record of the public body.
3. As far as Serial No. 7 is concerned, the public body has stated that, upon reporting to Islamabad, Mr. Muhammad Afzal, Stenotypist, joined the Admin Section without any written order.
4. Taking into account Serial No. 9 of the information request, the public body has categorically stated that Mr. Muhammad Afzal, Stenotypist, was neither promoted nor placed in any Regional Center of Islamabad, and he is still working on the post of Stenotypist.
5. The applicant raised the contention regarding the provision of false information. The Commission has relied upon the information submitted by the public body, which is supposed

to provide authentic information before the Commission. Not much can be done at this ^{stage}. The appeal stands disposed of. However, the applicant is at liberty to file a complaint, with evidence, if any false information is provided by the public body. 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. 5456-03/2027

Samuel Musthtaq

Vs

NFC Institute of Engineering and Fertilizer Research (NFC-IE & FR)

June 16, 2026

None 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. 170314129. 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. 5356-01/2026
Zuhaib Asad
Vs
National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA)

June 16, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 15-04-2026 under RGL No. 170313158. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Informations 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. 5535-03/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan

June 16, 2026

Zafar Iqbal, Joint Secretary, Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body has again responded to the rejoinder of the applicant vide letter dated 16-06-2026, answering all the queries of the applicants , with the further submission that the applicant was informed in response to Query No. 4 about Report Nos. 22, 60, and 69 of the Commission containing recommendations relating to the curtailment of delays and adjournments, as well as the expeditious disposal of civil and criminal cases. These reports are also available on the official website of the public body for public information.
2. In addition to that, it was stated that the Secretariat of the Commission also serves as the Secretariat of the National Judicial Policy Making Committee in response to Query No. 10, and the decisions taken by the NJPMC in its 54th meeting held on 18-08-2025 prescribe timelines for the disposal of various categories of civil and criminal cases.
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 response of the public body to the said rejoinder, along with a copy of the National Judicial Policy, and found that the said reply addresses all the queries of the applicant. No further proceedings are required after sharing the written reply furnished today. 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. 5221-12/2025

Haq Nawaz Malik

Vs

National Engineering & Science Commission (NESCOM)

June 17, 2026

None is present. The applicant, vide letter dated 16-06-2026, received on 17-06-2026, has filed an application to withdraw this appeal. In view of the above, the appeal stands disposed of as withdrawn. 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. 5249-01/2026

Aftab Ahmed Ujjan

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

June 16, 2026

Applicant present in person. None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 16-06-2026, has furnished copy of the minutes of finalization of appointment of the required post. A copy of the said minutes was handed over to the applicant along with the forwarding letter, and after perusing the same, he expressed satisfaction over the information provided and submitted that he does not want to pursue this appeal further. 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

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order
Appeal No. _____
Nighat Gulzar Mirza
Vs
Sir Syed Memorial Society

June 16, 2026

None present. The Commission has examined the contents of the appeal and found that it has been filed against Sir Syed Memorial Society. Before proceeding further, it would be appropriate to issue notice to the applicant to assist the Commission in determining whether the respondent is a public body under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 or otherwise. Notice be issued to the applicant accordingly.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner