

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No: 4122-10/24

Muhammad Ilyas Bhatti

Vs

PTVC

March 05, 2025

Muhammad Shahid, Assistant Controller / PIO, PTVC appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. The public body vide letter dated 06-12-2024 furnished the required information which has been shared with the appellant vide letter dated 11-02-2025 under RGL No. 146484935. No response has been received from the public body. It appears that the appellant is satisfied with the response of the public body. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of.
3. 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: 4076-09/2024

Amir Baloch

Vs

National Accountability Bureau (NAB)

March 05, 2025 Shafqat Munir Malik, Special Prosecutor and Barj Lal, Director (Media), NAB appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. Rejoinder received from the appellant was examined in terms of information request and reply of the public body who have stated that the prevention Committee regarding desalination plants at Pasni, Jiwat and Karwat district Gwadar is still ongoing and has not finalized. The recommendations of the Committee are not finalized yet and the meeting dated 08-07-2024 is part of committee proceedings, therefore, it cannot be shared till finalization.
3. The stance of the public body is sustainable. The provision of section 5 (1) (i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is also attracted as the inquiry is not yet been finalized. The plea of the public body under section 16 (1) (b) (ii) of the Act is also relevantly pointed out.
4. In view of this factual and legal position, the stance of the public body is sustained, and the appeal is 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: 4130-10/2024

Khurram Qureshi

Vs

Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)

March 05, 2025

Ms. Sania Imtiaz, Deputy Director, FIA appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. The appellant is one of the legal airer of Ms. Azmat Jahan Ara deceased a pensioner. He made a complaint to the FIA against Mr. Nouman Qureshi on of the legal aire of Azmat Jahan, alleging that he withdrew certain amount out of the account of the deceased after her death. The inquiry was conducted by the FIA and the appellant filed an information request to the Director General, FIA for providing the following information,

“i) Has FIA concluded the inquiry?

ii) Has FIA found that Noman had operated as joint account holder illegally and was it in connivance with the bank staff?

iii) Has FIA found out why bank staff did not close the joint account when the State Bank and Government of Pakistan directed it to do so?

iv) Has FIA found that how much amount had Noman withdrawn from my mother's pension account after she passed away and how much did he syphon away while she was still alive.

v) Did Noman ever inform the bank or CMA (pension) that the pensioner with whom he was maintaining the joint bank account had passed away.

vi) Did he refund the over paid pension to Government of Pakistan.

vii) What action has FIA taken so far in this case?

viii) Any criminal proceedings started in the case by FIA, if not reasons for the same.”

3. Since the required information was not provided to the appellant as per his stance, he filed an appeal before the Commission.
4. On issuing notice to the public body, written reply was filed by the FIA vide letter dated 30-01-25, answering all the queries of

the appellant and providing a certified copy of the inquiry report. It was informed that an inquiry into the alleged matter was conducted and subsequently closed.

5. Copy of the written reply along with the inquiry was handed over to Syed Sadia Zakir Advocate, learned counsel for the appellant. However, today neither the appellant nor his counsel appeared before the Commission, but a rejoinder has been received from the appellant, raising objections that the response of the public body is deficient, incomplete, and evasive, failing to address the specific queries raised by the appellant. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of the appeal, written reply of the queries furnished by the public body along with a copy of the inquiry report, and the rejoinder filed by the appellant.
6. It has been found that all the queries of the appellant have been answered objectively, and copy of the inquiry report has been furnished, which stands shared with the appellant. The allegation of the appellant that the response of the public body is evasive, incomplete, and deficient is not found correct. In fact, FIA has closed the inquiry against Mr. Nouman, and if the appellant is not satisfied with the closure of the inquiry, he may approach the appropriate forum. Furthermore, if any irregularity has been committed, it is not within the purview of the Pakistan Information Commission to address it. The Commission has obtained and shared the required information.
7. Therefore, 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: 4187-11/2024

Taimoor Akram

Vs

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

March 05, 2025

Appellant present in person. Barrister Mudassir Naqvi appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. The public body, in its letter dated 05-12-2024, informed that all the information required by the appellant does not pertain to NEPRA and instead relates to CPPA-G. This response was shared with the appellant, who has filed a rejoinder.
3. The Commission has heard the arguments from both sides and has found that when NEPRA has categorically stated in black and white that none of the information required by the appellant pertains to the said public body and that CPPA-G holds the required information, no order can be passed for sharing the information.
4. The appellant may approach the concerned authority to obtain the required information. 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

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3. The Commission has heard the arguments from both sides and has found that when NEPRA has categorically stated in black and white that none of the information required by the appellant pertains to the said public body and that CPPA-G holds the required information, no order can be passed for sharing the information.
4. The appellant may approach the concerned authority to obtain the required information. 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

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Appeal No: 4350-12/2024

Naeem Ahmad

Vs

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

March 05, 2025 Barrister Mudassir Naqvi appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. The representative of the public body has informed, in clear terms, that the information required by the appellant is available on the NEPRA website and can be accessed there. However, the information required by the appellant at Serial No. 2 does not pertain to NEPRA but to CPPA-G.
3. The information provided today shall be shared with the appellant. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No: 4146-10/2024

Ali Khan

Vs

Federal Ombudsman Secretariat

March 05, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. The public body, vide letter dated 19-11-2024, furnished a detailed written reply informing that the appellant had already filed Appeal No. 2537-002/2023, Appeal No. 3720-11/23, and Appeal No. 3185-10/23, and the same had been decided by the Commission on a similar point.
3. It was further added that the appellant filed a complaint on 30-11-2024 against NADRA before the Ombudsman, which was decided on 01-11-2024. Additionally, it was stated that the appellant is an Afghan national whose CNIC is blocked, and a report has been sought from the IB, with the appellant having been informed accordingly. Moreover, it was stated that the appellant's complaint dated 25-07-2023, bearing No. HQR/9721/23, has been disposed of, and a copy of the findings has also been sent to the appellant. The appellant also filed an appeal against the order dated 17-10-2023 before the President of Pakistan, which has also been disposed of, and copies of all relevant orders have been sent to the appellant.
4. The written reply was shared with the appellant, who filed a rejoinder on 17-02-2025, alleging that the Public Information Officer / DG Federal misused his powers as Public Information Officer and provided incorrect facts in his reply dated 29-01-2025. The appellant has, therefore, requested action against him, including the imposition of a penalty.
5. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, memo of appeal, written reply, and rejoinder of the appellant and found that the public body has shared the required information with the appellant. If the said information is found to be incorrect or if there is any element of misuse of discretionary power by the Public Information Officer, the appellant may file a complaint before the appropriate forum. 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

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Order

Appeal No: 4071-10/2024

Saddia Mazhar

Vs

Senate of Pakistan

March 05, 2025

Muhammad Javed Iqbal, Deputy Director, Senate Secretariat appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. Reply was submitted by the public body which was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 30-12-2025 under RGL 146482774 enclosing an order of the Chairman Senate declaring the information pertaining to the Senate Secretariat as classified.
3. The appellant submitted a rejoinder dated 20-01-2025, stating that the Chairman of the Senate is not mentioned in Section 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and that any order issued by him does not fulfill the requirements of that section.
4. She also stated that the information sought pertains to human rights as it relates to employment opportunities for youth. She has further stated that order passed by the Chairman Senate does not fulfil the requirements of the Section 7 (f) of the Act. She referred to an order of the predecessor Commission, in which a similar certificate had been rejected in other appeals. She argued that if the Commission were to consider this order, it would not be in accordance with the law and urged the Commission to reject the Senate's plea.
5. Alongside this, she went beyond her arguments by stating that if this appeal is disposed of or if an unlawful favor is granted to the Senate Secretariat, then her objections and concerns must be addressed.
6. The Commission has examined the appeal, the response of the public body, the appellant's rejoinder, and has also heard the representative of the public body. At the outset, the Commission takes exception to the use of the terms "unlawfully" and "unlawful favor" by the appellant, as unilateral insertions must be avoided, and the appellant should not act as a judge in her own cause.
7. The Senate of Pakistan is the House of the Federation. The Chairman Senate is the parliamentary, administrative, and financial head of this entity. He enjoys all administrative and

financial powers in his own right as Senate, and the functions of the Chairman are mentioned in the Articles of the Constitution.

8. In the order of precedence, the Chairman Senate ranks No. 3 after the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan. There is no minister above him from whom he would seek approval.
9. Jurisprudence is a dynamic aspect of legal practice. The versatility of law requires adjudication in terms of legal position, reality, facts, and different situations. Matters cannot be left unattended.
10. In view of the above discussion, the Commission considers that, given the constitutional status of the Chairman Senate and the order issued by him in pursuance of Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, 2012, read with Section 7(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, a legal vacuum cannot be left. In the case of Section 7(f) of the Act, the authority granted to the Minister In-charge of the Federal Government can be judiciously interpreted in favor of the Chairman Senate.
11. In light of this, the stance of the public body is sustained. The appeal is 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

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Appeal No: 4186-11/2024

Taimoor Akram

Vs

National Bank of Pakistan (NBP)

March 05, 2025

Zaheer Ahmed, Manager HR & Legal, NBP appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. The appellant has sent a letter to the Commission dated 18-02-2025 stating as under;

“Following my recent meeting with the Chief Manager of NBP, I have been assured that steps will be taken soon to improve the branch's infrastructure and customer facilities. In light of this assurance, I would like to conditionally withdraw my complaint at this stage. However, I respectfully request that my right to reinstate this matter be preserved in case the commitments made by the bank are not fulfilled within a reasonable timeframe.

I trust that your esteemed office will consider this request accordingly. Should the bank fail to act upon its commitment, I reserve the right to seek your intervention again.”

3. In view of this letter from the appellant, the appeal is disposed of as withdrawn without any prejudice to the right of the appellant in case if he seeks any information subsequently.
4. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

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Appeal No: 3910-09/2024

Ishaque Ahmed

Vs

Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication

March 05, 2025 Sher Dil Khan, Legal Expert, Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Response provided by the public body was shared with the appellant, stating that the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has held PTCL as not a public body in WP 2688/2021, and as such, the PTCL, under the cover of the judgment, is not providing information relating to its business plan to the public body. The information was shared on 06-02-2025 under reference number 146484946. The appellant has stated that his information request is not against the PTCL and has advised the Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) to pass a speaking order.
2. The judgment of the IHC is in field. Therefore, relying on the judgment of the Islamabad High Court referred above, this appeal is not maintainable and is hence 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

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Appeal No: 4121-10/2024

Nadir Khan

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

March 05, 2025

Zafar Iqbal, Second Secretary, FBR and Syed Shabih Haider,
Deputy Director, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

2. This appeal is being prolonged without reason, as the response provided by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 27-11-2024 under RGL No. 142237930.
3. The appellant has submitted a rejoinder, stating that the public body is unjustifiably invoking exemptions and is not providing the record that is required to be made public under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. The contention of the appellant is correct. The Secretary, (Tax Education & PR Wing) / Public Information Officer of the public body, is directed to provide this information to the appellant within 10 days, failing which action will be initiated under the Act. Copy of the order shall be sent to both parties.
5. The Assistant Director will schedule the matter for implementation after 10 days.

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