

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5300-01/26

Aftab Ahmed Ujjan

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

March 24, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the respondent/public body. In spite of issuance of two notices, first on 14-01-2026 and second on 10-02-2026, neither anybody appeared before the Commission nor any written reply has been received from the public body.

1. It is clearly mentioned in the notice dated 10-02-2026 that failure to attend the hearing will result in an ex-parte decision and order will be passed in accordance with law. Service of the notices is also confirmed from the website of Pakistan Post. In view of the above, the appeal is decided ex-parte as under:
2. The Commission has examined the information request which is addressed to Mr. Usman Ahmed Batth, Designated Officer / Public Information Officer of the public body, requiring certain record in respect of the appointment of Mr. Abdul Rehman, DGM (Procurement), PMDC.
3. The applicant has required from the public body a copy of the re-advertisement issued by PMDC against the subject post, the number of candidates who applied for the subject post, details of the shortlist for finalization of the subject post, how many interview calls were issued by the PMDC HR Department to candidates, minutes of finalization for the appointment of the subject post, a copy of the illegal appointment letter issued by the PMDC HR Department, a copy of the joining report submitted by Mr. Abdul Rahman, Ex-DGM (Procurement), in the PMDC Head Office, and a copy of the medical fitness submitted by the same candidate.
4. It is noted that, except for the information required at serial no. 8 of the information request, which is about a copy of the medical fitness submitted by the candidate, all remaining information is public record. However, the medical fitness certificate is a private document, and its disclosure will affect the privacy of an individual as provided under Section 7(h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

5. In view of the above, the appeal is partially allowed. Mr. Usman Ahmed Batth, Designated Officer / Public Information Officer, PMDC, is directed to provide the required information mentioned at serial nos. 1 to 7 of the information request to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days. Copy of the order be also sent to the applicant for information.
6. Adjourned to 29-04-2026 for submission of implementation report.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5196-12/2025

Azhar Hussain

Vs

Ministry of Finance

March 24, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 10-02-2026, furnished a written reply along with a copy of the letter dated 09-02-2026 of the Ministry of Finance, stating that the matter was taken up with the State Bank of Pakistan, and in response to that, the SBP, vide letter dated 09-02-2026, has submitted that under the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956, Section 54(2)(j), the Board of Directors is empowered to make regulations related to its human resources, the terms and conditions of their service, performance management, promotion, compensation, welfare, etc., and its employees remain governed by its own staff regulations.
2. The response of the public body was shared with the applicant, who has acknowledged its receipt but has filed a rejoinder dated 16-03-2026, stating that the answer of the public body is evasive and has retreated from providing the information required by the applicant. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the response of the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant.
3. The three queries asked by the applicant are in respect of the Maternity and Paternity Leave Act, 2023, questioning as to whether the said Act is applicable to the SBP and its sub-offices or not.
4. The public body has categorically stated that SBP is a body corporate and its employees remain governed by its own regulations, meaning thereby that the Maternity and Paternity Leave Act, 2023 is not applicable to the employees of the SBP. The said response addresses the queries of the applicant, and in view of the response of the SBP, there is no need to proceed with the appeal further in the light of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
5. Even otherwise, SBP is not an administrative unit of the Ministry of Finance because it has been granted autonomy as per government policy and international commitments. 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 5263-01/2026

Asad

Vs

Ministry of Finance

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 29-01-2026 under RGL No. 170311380. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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 5122-11/2025

Saddia Mazhar

Vs

Establishment Division

March 24,2026

Aamir Shafiq, Section Officer, Establishment Division
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 09-02-2026, furnished the required information in tabulated form, which was shared with the applicant; however, she has filed rejoinder stating that under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the public body is legally bound to disclose the said information, including the inquiry reports that are finalized, on its website.
2. In the information request, the applicant has required certain information which has been provided; however, this Commission is already in touch with all the federal public bodies, and necessary directions have been passed to ensure implementation of Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
3. The Establishment Division is also directed to follow the instructions of the information request and the provisions contained in Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, and upload the required information in this appeal, including the finalized inquiry report, on its website within one month.
4. Copy of the order be sent to the Secretary, Establishment Division, for implementation and submission of an implementation report within one month. 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 5114-09/2025

Ch. Muhammad Javed Iqbal

Vs

Higher Education Commission (HEC)

March 24, 2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 26-02-2026 under RGL No. 170312039. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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 4865-07/2025

Faizan Kirmani

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

March 24, 2026

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

1. In response to the information request and annexures of the applicant submitted vide his letter dated 13-01-2026, today, Mr. Muhammad Arif, Second Secretary, FBR, has submitted in black and white that, as reported by Mr. Ali Muhammad, ACIR Unit 3, RTO-I Karachi, no violation has been committed by M/s Saving Homes; hence, no action was taken against the said individual.
2. In view of the categorical statement made by the representative of the FBR today before this Commission, 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 5077-11/2025

Azmat Khan

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

March 24,2026

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

1. The representative of the public body has furnished copy of the order of the Islamabad High Court dated 10-02-2026 wherein the operation of the order of the Commission dated 08-01-2026 has been suspended. In view of above, the appeal is sine die adjourned, however if fate of the appeal is decided in favor of the applicant, he may approach this Commission for implementation of the order of the Commission. 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 5026-10/2025

Maj Naveed Suleman Malik

Vs

Islamabad Police

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body; however, in response to the notice on the appeal, the public body furnished a written reply vide letter dated 09-01-2026, stating that the required information is exempt from disclosure under Section 16(e)(ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, whereby the applicant has sought a copy of the lease agreement dated 06-04-2024 between Islamabad Police (Lessor) and Attock Petroleum Ltd (Lessee) regarding the petrol pump at H-11 (Opp. NESCOM), Islamabad.
3. The Commission has considered the objection of the public body and noted that under Section 6(c) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, contracts and agreements have been declared public record, subject to the provisions of Section 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. Section 7 does not exclude lease agreements made by the public body with any private entity. Section 16(e)(ii) provides that information may be exempt if its disclosure is likely to cause serious prejudice to the capability or effectiveness of the armed forces of Pakistan or other law enforcement agencies. The said provision does not apply in the case in hand, as if a certified copy of the lease agreement is shared with the applicant (a citizen of Pakistan), it shall not cause any serious prejudice to the capability of the law enforcement agency / Islamabad Police.
5. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. The AIG (General and Development), Islamabad Police, is directed to furnish the required information to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days. Copy of the order be sent to the Inspector General, Islamabad Police, and AIG (General and Development), Islamabad Police, for implementation. Copy of the order be also sent to the applicant for information.
6. Adjourned to 05-05-2026 for submission of compliance report.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5183-12/2025

Nadir Khan

Vs

Pakistan Post

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 222-01-2026 under RGL No. 154834454. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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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Appeal No 4586-03/2025

Munir Ahmad

Vs

National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA)

March 24, 2026

Applicant present in person. Ms. Mehwish Khan, Designated Officer / PIO, NEECA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant has submitted that he is satisfied with the information furnished by the public body and does not want to pursue this appeal further. In view of above, 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 4926-09/2025

Atif Metah

Vs

National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA)

March 24,2026

Ms. Aimen Malik Advocate appeared on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Mehwish Khan, Designated Officer / PIO, NEECA appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that he is satisfied with the information furnished by the public body and does not want to pursue this appeal further. In view of above, 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 Commissione

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No 5267-01/2026

Muhammad Arif Awan

Vs

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 12-02-2026, has furnished the required information, and it was shared with the applicant, who has acknowledged its receipt but, vide email dated 06-03-2026, has filed a rejoinder raising the objection that there is a contradiction between the data furnished by the public body, as it has informed that 39 posts of security supervisors were sanctioned and 75 have been filled. It is further added that, if any supplementary approval was obtained, a copy of the same be furnished.
2. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and the written reply and found that the public body has provided the information which addresses the information request. However, if any contradiction is found between the sanctioned posts and the posts filled, it is not the mandate of this Commission to address this maladministration, and the applicant may approach the relevant forum for redressal of the said maladministration. 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 4420-01/2025

Ch. Ashraf Ali Gujjar

Vs

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)

March 24, 2026

Ch. Adeel Ashraf, SVP/PIO, ZTBL and Muhammad Usman, OG-II, ZTBL appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. In response to the rejoinder of the applicant dated 10-11-2025, public body vide letter dated 04-02-2026 has furnished its reply, which was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311535. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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

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Appeal No 5074-11/25

Shakeel Ahmed

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311653. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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 5189-12/25

Shakeel Ahmed

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311650. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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 5075-11/25

Shakeel Ahmed

Vs

Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO)

March 24,2026

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 11-02-2026 under RGL No. 170311641. A period of more than 20 days as required under the Access to Information Regulations 2023 have 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

