

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**Order**

**Appeal No. 4894-08/25**

**Imam Bakhsh**

**Vs**

**Ministry of Interior**

November 18, 2025 Ghulam Murtaza, Section Officer (FIA) and Niaz Muhammad, Joint Secretary / PIO, Ministry of Interior appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request addressed to the Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior required the following information,

*1. Copy of Minutes of the meeting of DPC for promotion of Assistant Director (Inv./ BS-17) to Deputy Director (Inv./ BS-18), held on 28.06.2021.*

*2. Copies of Panel Proforma/ Working Papers/ Synopsis of promoted candidates as Deputy Director in DPC held on 28.06.2021.*

*3. Complete Official record pertaining to promotion of FIA's Assistant Director (Inv./BS-17) to Deputy Director (Inv./ BS-18) during the year 2021.*

*4. Copy of Minutes of the meeting of DPC for promotion of Assistant Director (Inv./ BS-17) to Deputy Director (Inv./ BS-18), held on 17.07.2025.*

*5. Copies of Panel Proforma/ Working Papers/ Synopsis of promoted candidates as Deputy Director in DPC held on 17.07.2025.*

2. Allegedly the said information was not provided by the public body within the stipulated time hence he filed this appeal. On notice to the public body after filing this appeal, written reply has been furnished vide letter dated 04-09-2025. The public body has taken the plea that record pertaining to DPC of 2021 is exempted from disclosure under Section 16 (1), (b) (ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. It is further stated that in identical cases having appeal No. 3621-04/2024 and 4132-10/2024, the Commission has already closed. Moreover, name of the applicant was considered for promotion from Assistant Director to Deputy Director by the DPC; however, the applicant was deferred by the DPC as length of service in the present scale was less than 5 years.

3. As far as reference of earlier appeal is concerned, the Commission on 23-9-2025 has summoned both the appeals, examined the proceedings and found that the information sought in the said appeal is quite different.

4. As far as plea of the public body under Section 16 (1), (b) (ii) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is concerned, this exemption is in respect of disclosure which is likely to harm the detection, prevention, investigation or inquiry in a particular case, but no such ground is available in the case in hand, therefore the plea of the public body is turned down.

5. The Commission has also examined the contents of the information request, written reply furnished by the public body and relevant provisions of the law and found that information sought by the applicant pertains to public record which is to be disclosed under Section 5 and 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and none of the record enjoys any exemption from disclosure under any provision of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

6. In view of above, the appeal is allowed. Joint Secretary / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior 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 Joint Secretary / Public Information Officer, Ministry of Interior and the applicant.

7. Adjourned to 10-12-2025

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No. 4559-03/2025**

**Muhammad Aslam Shaheen**

**Vs**

**Defence Housing Authority**

November 18, 2025 Mr. Tariq Aziz, PIO, DHA – Islamabad/Rawalpindi appeared on behalf of the respondent.

1. Reply of the show cause has been furnished explaining that in fact respondent has filed a WP 4331 of 2025 before the Islamabad High Court and vide order dated 23-10-2025 the said apex court has suspended the order of the Commission dated 24-09-2025 till next date. In view of the above, it is submitted that compliance of the order was not made due to the stay order of the Islamabad High Court. In view of above, show cause notice is withdrawn.

2. Furthermore, in view of the order of the Islamabad High Court dated 23-10-2025, the implementation proceedings are sine die adjourned. However if the fat of the appeal is decided in the 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. 4746-05/2025**

**Asad Mehmood**

**Vs**

**National Highway Authority (NHA)**

November 18, 2025 Muhammad Waqas Saleem Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 24-10-2025 addressed to the applicant and copy to the Registrar of this office has stated that it is ready to furnish the required information/documents subject to the photocopying fee worth Rs. 5000/- through cross cheque in the name of NHA. Copy of the said letter be again shared with the applicant. The appeal stands disposed of in the manner that the public body shall share the certified copy of the required document with the applicant subject to the payment of photocopying charges within 10 days. 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. 4502-02/2025**

**Nauman Ali Haider**

**Vs**

**National Highway Authority (NHA)**

November 18, 2025 Muhammad Waqas Saleem Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply of the show cause notice has been furnished by the Director (Legal) stating that in fact Chairman has since been transferred vide order dated 05-11 2025 of Cabinet Secretariat, Establishment Division. It is explained in the reply that delay or non-provision of the required information was neither willful nor deliberated. The same occurred due to pending comments from the concerned section. Said delay has also been regretted. In view of explanation furnished by the Director (Legal), show cause notice is withdrawn.

2. Since the required information already furnished and stands shared with the applicant and reply to the show cause notice has also been furnished, therefor the appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the partiess.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No. 4887-07/2025**

**Syed Kausar Abbas**

**Vs**

**Islamabad Police**

November 18, 2025 Farrukh Habib, Inspector, Islamabad Police appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 28-10-2025 under RGL No. 154262648. 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

**Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No. 4872-07/2025**

**Irfan Nazir**

**Vs**

**Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)**

November 18, 2025 Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director and Muhammad Irfan, Second Secretary, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body in response to the appeal / information request earlier filed written reply referring sub clause (a) to Clause (v) of the Rule 2 of the Inland Revenue Reward Rules 2021 and copy of the said reply was shared with the applicant who acknowledged its receipt but vide his rejoinder stated that the reply does not address the actual queries raised in the information request.
2. Now the public body vide letter dated 23-10-2025 has again furnished copy of the written reply of the Second Secretary (Education) along with copy of the above-mentioned rules. The Commission has gone through the said rules and found that the said rules address the queries of the applicant therefore his objections are not tenable and stand turned down. 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.**

**Mehar Muneer Hussain**

**Vs**

**Supreme Court of Pakistan**

November 18, 2025

This appeal is received on November 14, 2025. Said appeal has been filed against Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan requiring some information from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

2. The Commission has noted that in view of the law laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in Civil Petition No. 3532 of 2023 reported in PLD 2024 Supreme Court 192, this appeal is not maintainable before this Commission as the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 does not apply to the Supreme Court of Pakistan therefore, the applicant is directed to approach the concerned quarter for having the required information in view of the dictum laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Copy of the order be sent to the applicant.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner