

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No. 4152-10/24

Amir Baloch

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue

November 20, 2025 Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director and Muhammad Irfan, Second Secretary, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Reply to the show cause notice has been furnished, submitting that in the Writ Petition filed by the public body before the Islamabad High Court, the order of this Commission has been suspended. Certified copy of the order of the IHC has been furnished. Request is made to withdraw the show cause.
2. Since in the Writ Petition, the order of the Commission dated 29-09-2025 has been challenged and the IHC has suspended the said order, therefore the show cause notice is withdrawn and the appeal is withdrawn.
3. In view of the order of the Commission, the appeal is adjourned sine die; however, if the fate of the Writ Petition is decided in favor of the applicant, he may approach this Commission for implementation of the order of the Commission.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoab Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No. 4537-02/25

Amir Baloch

Vs

Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council

November 20, 2025 Umair Mehmood Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body in its written reply informed that the required information is publicly available on the website of the public body. Link of the website is also shared. Copy of the said written reply was shared with the applicant who has received it but has filed a rejoinder stating that the public body has failed to provide the required information in the format given by him. Statedly, it is also false and misleading information. The public body along with the written reply has also annexed copy of the track and trace nursing professional data downloaded from the website which contains all the particulars required by the applicant. In view of above, the objection of the applicant is not found valid and is turned down.
2. However, if the applicant still believes that the information provided by the public body is incomplete, false or misleading, he may file a complaint with substantial evidence against the public body before the Commission.
3. 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. 4763-06/2025

Naeem Sadiq

Vs

Council of Islamic Ideology (CII)

November 20, 2025 Ghulam Majid, Chief Research Officer, Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant and the applicant vide his email dated 06-11-2025 has expressed satisfaction over the same.
2. In view of above, the appeal stands disposed of to the extent of the information request; however, reply to the show cause notice is still awaited. The representative of the public body is directed to furnish the reply to the show cause notice with the signature of the Chairman or Officiating Chairman on the next date of hearing.
3. Adjourned to 10-12-2025

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No. 4914-08/2025

Aftab Ahmed

Vs

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation

November 20, 2025 Applicant present in person. None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant vide his information request dated 04-08-2025 addressed to the Chief Finance Officer, PMDC Islamabad, required complete details of the salary and other financial benefits disbursed to Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba (Ex-Office Assistant) from 21-03-2023 until the date of his termination.
2. Allegedly, said information was not provided by the public body which resulted in filing this appeal. On issuing notice to the public body to put appearance and file written reply,
3. The public body vide letter dated 29-10-2025 filed a written reply taking objection that the information request is not addressed to the principal officer. It is further submitted that the information required by the applicant does not pertain to public record or is covered under section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017; hence, it cannot be provided.
4. Lastly, it is submitted that the public body has nominated Mr. Usman Ali Batth, Manager (P), PMDC Islamabad as designated officer to deal with matters relating to the Pakistan Information Commission vide notification dated 06-10-2025.
5. Copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant who filed a rejoinder contesting the plea of the public body. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, written reply filed by the applicant, and relevant provisions of the law.
6. As far as the objection of the public body not addressing the information request to the principal officer is concerned, the public body in its written statement has mentioned that at the time of filing the information request, no designated officer was notified. It was notified on 06-10-2025.

7. According to Section 9 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, where no designated official has been notified or he is absent or not available, the principal officer of the public body shall be the designated official. The principal officer of the PMDC, as mentioned in the written reply, is the Managing Director. Although the applicant addressed the information request to the CFO, he had sent a copy of the request to the PS to the MD, and it was the duty of the MD to process the information request.
8. The next plea of the public body that the information request by the applicant does not pertain to public record is not tenable, as under section 5(a) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, the public body is bound to, within six months of the commencement of this Act, ensure that the information related to public perks and privileges is duly published, including uploading over the internet or in a manner which best ensures that it is accessible, subject to reasonable restrictions based on limited resources.
9. The information required by the applicant pertains to the perks and privileges of an ex-assistant who was serving in the public body; hence, it is a public record, and the applicant, being a citizen of Pakistan, has the fundamental right to have access to the said record. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed. The Managing Director, Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation, is directed to furnish the required information to the applicant as well as to this Commission within 10 days.
10. Adjourned to 11-12-2025

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner