

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No: 4219-11/2024

Hafiz Feroz Shah

Vs

Ministry of Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan

October 21, 2025

Umar Zada, Section Officer / Designated Officer, Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 21-10-2025 in response to the rejoinder of the applicant has submitted that Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, GB and SAFRON has no role in posting and transfer of the counsel's officers as these matters are handled by the Services and General Administration Department AJ&K and the record of employed officials is not maintained/managed by Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, GB and SAFRON is not maintained by the said ministry. Moreover, the subject information is not held by the said ministry and the obligation to provide the requested records rests with the relevant department of Government of AJ&K.

2. In view of categorical reply of the public body with responsibility that it does not hold the required record, the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, GB and SAFRON cannot be ordered to share the information which is not held by the said Ministry. In view of above, the appeal stands disposed of however, if the applicant believes that the said reply of the public body is false, he may file complaint against the public body under the relevant provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. 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: 3977-09/2024

Uzair Razzaq

Vs

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Appeal No: 4838-07/2025

Shamim Akhter

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

October 21, 2025

Syed Shabih Haider, Deputy Director, FBR appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The applicant, Ms. Shamim Akhtar, claiming herself to be the widow of Mr. Taj Muhammad, filed an information request to the Chief Commissioner, Regional Tax Office, Gujranwala, for the provision of documents relating to her family pension case, which was declined.

On notice to the public body on this appeal, a written reply was filed vide letters dated 17-09-2025 and 13-10-2025. In the letter dated 17-09-2025, the public body has taken the plea that the applicant failed to provide a succession certificate issued by the competent court for processing the pension case, despite the issuance of several letters to her; therefore, she could not establish herself as the widow of Mr. Taj Muhammad (deceased).

2. In the second reply dated 13-10-2025, it has been stated that the documents pertain to the personal privacy of an ex-employee, Mr. Taj Muhammad, and the record of private documents furnished to a public body cannot be disclosed to a third party under Section 7(g) & (h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

3. The Commission shared the written reply of the public body vide letter dated 30-09-2025, but no objection has been received from the applicant.

4. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request and the written reply furnished by the public body. The applicant, although claiming to be the widow of Mr. Taj Muhammad, has not established this fact by providing any proof. As far as entertaining this appeal as a citizen of Pakistan under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is concerned, every citizen has the right to have access to public records, but it is subject to certain restrictions. Section 7(h) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 states that nothing contained in Section 6 shall apply to the record of private documents furnished to

a public body either on an express or implied condition that the information contained in any such document shall not be disclosed to a third party.

5. In view of the above, the applicant is not entitled to have the required information, as she has not established herself as the widow of Mr. Taj Muhammad and otherwise is not entitled to have the required information. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

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Information Commissioner

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Chief Information Commissioner

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Appeal No: 4850-06/2025

Sardar Ranjeet Singh

Vs

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

October 21, 2025

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

1. The applicant has sought record pertaining to District Hangu development/renovation work at Gurdevara Sing Sabah, Hangu. The public body, in its response dated 29-07-2025, has categorically stated that as per their record, no scheme pertaining to Gurdevara Sing Sabah, Hangu was forwarded in the year 2013-2014.

2. In view of the categorical response of the public body, no further proceedings are required. In case the applicant has evidence to show that he has been provided false information, he may file complaint against the public body under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

3. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

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Appeal No: 4895-08/2025

Aysal Elham

Vs

Ministry of Economic Affairs

October 21, 2025

Naimaat Ullah, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs
appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body vide letter dated 19-09-2025 has furnished written reply along with relevant documents, which was shared with the applicant vide letter dated 22-09-2025 under RGL 154261691.
2. An email has been received from the applicant stating that she is dissatisfied with the shared information, pointing out that she has not been provided certified documents; however, the subject of this email is non-compliance with the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 by the Establishment Division, whereas the present appeal is filed against the Ministry of Economic Affairs, meaning thereby that the email of the applicant is not relevant to the instant appeal.
3. Since the applicant has not filed any objection over the information furnished by the public body in the instant appeal, hence no further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
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