

**Pakistan Information Commission**

**Government of Pakistan**

**(Camp Office, Lahore)**

**Order**

**Appeal No 3745-07/24**

**Muhammad Dilawar**

**Vs**

**LESCO**

April 14, 2025

Appellant present in person. Khalid Jamil Advocate appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The learned counsel for the public body has furnished the remaining information as reflected in the order dated 24-02-2025, along with all relevant documents.
2. The Commission has perused and compared the submitted information with the order dated 24-02-2025 and found that the information furnished today addresses the grievance of the appellant. Copy of the written reply and documents furnished today has been handed over to the appellant.
3. Since all the information required in the information request has been furnished and shared with the appellant, no further directions are needed at this stage. However, if the appellant considers that any of the information provided by the public body is false or misleading, he may file a complaint to the Commission under the law.
4. The show-cause notice signed by the CEO, LESCO, has also been submitted. The explanation provided regarding the delay in furnishing the information is found to be plausible. Hence, the show-cause notice is hereby withdrawn. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of this 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 4382-01/25**

**Nadeem Tanoli**

**Vs**

**LESCO**

April 14, 2025

Abdul Razzaq, Assistant Manager, LESCO, appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 31-01-2025, has submitted that the audit of LESCO has been conducted by the Auditor General of Pakistan, and that all audit reports are issued and presented to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) by the AGPR. Therefore, the required information may be obtained directly from the AGPR.
2. It is a fact that the author of the audit report is the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan and not LESCO. Hence, the appellant may approach the AGPR for obtaining the required audit report.
3. Copy of the order, along with the written reply, be shared with the appellant. 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 4005-10/24**

**Kashif Shahzad Khan**

**Vs**

**MEPCO**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant who vide his email dated 27-03-2025 has expressed his satisfaction over the shared information. Hence 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 4403-0125**

**Kashif Shahzad Khan**

**Vs**

**MEPCO**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant who vide his email dated 27-03-2025 has expressed his satisfaction over the shared information. Hence 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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**Order**

**Appeal No 4147-10/24**

**Yasir Mehmood Awan**

**Vs**

**Directorate General Civil Defence**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 27-02-2025 under RGL No. 146203215. No objection has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant is satisfied with the information furnished by the public body. No further proceedings are required. The appeal stands disposed of.
2. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

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**Appeal No 3772-07/24**

**Agha Hassan Khurshid**

**Vs**

**ZTBL**

April 14, 2025

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

1. The appellant, vide his information request dated 17-07-2024, required the following information;
  - i. Mr. Syed Talat Mehmood former president of the bank had taken firm stand in his letter dated 06-09-2018, that Agha Hassan Khurshid had submitted fake attested MBA degree which is the main concern of the bank. Without any prejudice you will be kind enough to provide us the copy of the HEC attested MBA degree and nothing else.
  - ii. It has categorically been alleged by the ZTBL in charge sheet dated 19-01-2018 against Agha Hassan Khurshid “he also submitted his original verified DMC by hand to deceive the Bank” but Agha Hassan Khurshid denies of having submitted any document known as DMC. In present circumstances you are requested to provide us the colored copy of original DMC (ii) As well as copy of Head Office gate entry register.
2. Since the said information was not provided to the appellant within the stipulated time period, he filed an appeal before this Commission. After receiving the appeal, notice was issued to the public body, and it put in appearance through its representative and filed written reply, which was examined by the Commission.
3. Order dated 08-01-2025 reflects that, in fact, the appellant requires copy of the alleged fake attested MBA DMC and degree, which was allegedly submitted by the appellant to the public body by hand. It is the stance of the public body that both the said degrees are fake, whereas the appellant’s version is that neither did he furnish any fake degree to the public body nor he is in possession of such fake degree. In the earlier written reply, the public body took the stance that it cannot issue an attested copy of the degrees as the same are issued by HEC and not by ZTBL.
4. The Commission clarified this misunderstanding of the public body and required it to file an objective written reply. Now, in the subsequent written reply furnished on 24-02-2025, the public body has submitted

that the information required by the appellant does not fall within the definition of Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Hence, request was made to close this appeal.

5. The public body, in both replies submitted before the Commission, did not deny possession of the alleged fake MBA degree and DMC of the appellant. Admittedly, the appellant was charge-sheeted by the public body with the allegation that he (the appellant) submitted an attested copy of fake MBA degree to the public body, whereas the appellant denies this allegation. Therefore, he has filed this information request and appeal, asking the public body to issue him an attested copy of the alleged fake degrees.
6. Now, when the public body has not denied being in possession of the alleged fake degree, it means that it is maintaining a record of the said fake degrees. Therefore, the response of the public body that the required information does not come within the definition of Section 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, is turned down. Accordingly, Junaid Ghouri, Public Information Officer, ZTBL, is directed to furnish copies of the alleged MBA degree and DMC allegedly submitted by the appellant to the public body after attesting it. The attestation does not mean verification of the document's authenticity but confirmation of the retention of the said copies by the public body. This must be done within 10 days of the receipt of this order.
7. The appeal stands disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to both the parties. The Registrar shall put up this appeal before the Commission after 10 days of the receipt of the order by the public body.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Order**

**Appeal No 4262-12/24**

**Aashir Ali**

**Vs**

**Evacuee Trust Property Board**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body however, information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 13-03-2025 under RGL No. 146185233. No objection has been received from the appellant. It appears that the appellant is satisfied with the information furnished by 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 4218-11/24**

**Muhammad Ibadat Ali**

**Vs**

**Director General Immigration and Passport**

April 14, 2025

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

1. The public body, vide letter dated 25-02-2025, furnished the required information in tabulated form along with details of budget expenditure, etc. (Annex A to Annex C). Said information was shared with the appellant, who has filed objections in writing. The objections were compared with the information request and the reply furnished by the public body.
2. The main objection is that the documents annexed with the written reply are not certified copies. However, the appellant was satisfied with the observation that all the information furnished by the public body includes cover letter and the signature of Muhammad Saleem, Assistant Director (Policy-I).
3. The remaining objections were also settled during arguments. However, the appellant has submitted that the public body has not uploaded the information as required under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
4. In view of the said objection, the Director General, Immigration and Passport Headquarters, Islamabad, is directed to upload all the information in respect of his department as per the requirements of Section 5 of the *Right of Access to Information Act, 2017*. This exercise shall be completed within one month. If the public body fails to implement this portion of the order within the stipulated time, the appellant may approach this Commission for implementation of the order. 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 4349-12/24**

**Muhammad Saeed**

**Vs**

**MEPCO**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body, however, the public body vide letter dated 21-02-2025 has furnished written reply stating that the information sought by the appellant is already shared with him in another appeal No. 3322-12/2023. On the directions of the Commission, the Registrar office has compared the information request in the appeal in hand with the information sought in appeal No. 3322-12/2023 and found that the information required in this appeal is different from the earlier appeal.

2. In view of above, notice be issued to the public body with directions to furnish required information, if not contested, within 10 days.
3. The Registrar shall place this appeal before the Commission after 10 days of receipt of the order by the public body.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Order**

**Appeal No 4283-12/25**

**Arsalan Abbas**

**Vs**

**Minsitry of Housing and Works**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. Information furnished by the public body was shared with the appellant vide letter dated 27-03-25 under RGL No. 146097731 but no response has been received from the appellant, it appears that the appellant is satisfied with the same.
2. Reply to the show cause notice issued to the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works is still awaited. The representative of the public body is directed to furnish the same with the signature of Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works within 10 days of the receipt of the order. The Registrar shall place this appeal before the Commission after 10 days of receipt of the order by the public body.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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**Order**

**Appeal No. 4126-10/24**

**Zia Ullah**

**Vs**

**WAPDA**

April 14, 2025

None appeared on behalf of the public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 17-03-2025, furnished the detail of marks obtained by one Razza Ullah, who applied for the post of Assistant Director (Legal), including his test and interview marks. It was also submitted by the public body that the appellant, Zia Ullah, was neither a candidate himself nor party to the case; therefore, he has no connection with the case and is not entitled to the requested classified information.
2. Copy of the said written reply was shared with the appellant, who raised objections, stating that he is entitled under the law to obtain the required information, as it pertains to public record. He further requested that the interview marks of the shortlisting board conducted by the Director General (Recruitment), as well as the final interview marks conducted by the Chairman WAPDA, be provided.
3. The Commission has examined the information request, written reply, rejoinder, and the relevant law on the subject.
4. The preamble of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 provides that Government believes in transparency and the right to have access to information to ensure that the people of Islamic Republic of Pakistan have improved access to records held by public authorities and promote the purpose of making the government more accountable to its people, of improving participation by the people in public affairs, of reducing corruption and inefficiency in Government, of promoting sound economic growth, of promoting good governance and respect for human rights.
5. The Act has been enacted to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance. As far as the recruitment record of any post in public bodies is concerned, it is undoubtedly public record and does not fall under any exemption provided under the provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
6. The rationale behind this is clear: if such records are kept secret, the objectives of the Act—to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance—cannot be fulfilled in letter and spirit. Moreover, even if a

candidate does not qualify or is not appointed to a post, he has a right to know his standing in the merit list, regardless of the outcome of the written test or interview.

7. The Commission is committed to upholding the principles laid down in the preamble of this Act, ensuring transparency, good governance, and the participation of citizens in matters of public importance conducted by the public body.
8. Therefore, keeping in view all the above aspects, the appeal is allowed. The Director General Recruitment, WAPDA is directed to furnish the required information within 10 days of receipt of this order. The Registrar shall place this appeal before the Commission after 10 days of receipt of the order by the public body. Copy of the order be sent to the Director General (Recruitment), WAPDA and the appellant.

**Ijaz Hassan Awan**  
Information Commissioner

**Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui**  
Chief Information Commissioner