

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5491-03/2026

Rahmatullah
Vs
Senate of Pakistan

Date:
May 13, 2026.

Mr. Muhammad Javed Iqbal, Senate Secretariat present on behalf of public body.

1. The information provided by the public body was shared with the applicant April 14, 2026 under RGL No. 170313072. 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: 5334-02/2026

Asad

Vs

Child Protection Institute

Date:

May 13, 2026

None present on behalf of public body.

2. The information provided by the public body was shared with the applicant April 08, 2026 under RGL No. 170313061. 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: 5487-03/2026

Haseeb Ahmed

Vs

National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA)

Date:

May 13, 2026 Muhammad Hammad, Assistant Director, NADRA present on behalf of public body

1. The public body, vide letter dated 10-04-2026, furnished a written reply addressing query No. (b) of the information request. However, with regard to query No. (1), it was submitted that a copy of the Child Registration Certificate (CRC) can only be obtained or updated through an application process at any NADRA Registration Center by the mother, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant rules framed under the NADRA Ordinance, 2002.
2. A copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged receipt thereof but filed a rejoinder stating that incomplete and uncertified information had been provided.
3. The representative of the public body submitted that only the birth certificate of the child is required as a supporting document for preparation of the CRC. It was further submitted that the birth certificate is a document prepared and maintained by the concerned Union Council; therefore, its certified copy cannot be provided by the public body.
4. As far as query No. (a) and (b) are concerned, categorical responses have already been provided. The applicant was further advised to obtain a copy of the CRC in accordance with the prescribed rules. It is a matter of fact that the supporting document for preparation of the CRC is the birth certificate, which is prepared and maintained by the concerned Union Council. Therefore, the applicant may obtain the certified copy from the relevant authority.
5. In view of the above, the objection raised by the applicant is not sustained and is hereby turned down. Accordingly, the appeal stands disposed of. Copy of order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
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Appeal No: 5416-02/2026

Gulraiz Ahmed Raza

Vs

Federal Board of Revenue (Model Custom Collectorate)

Date:

May 13, 2026

None appeared on behalf of public body.

1. the applicant vides his information request required the following information from the public body.

a. The date on which the said goods were finally auctioned by the Customs authorities.

b. The amount of highest bid received by the Customs authorities.

c. The amount deposited as 25% earnest money by the successful bidder, along with date of deposit; and mode of payment (cash or pay order).

d. The amount deposited as remaining 75% bid money by the successful bidder, along with date of deposit; and mode of payment (cash or pay order).

e. Whether auctioned goods have been handed over to the successful bidder, if not, then reason.

f. Whether any objection, complaint, or representation was received to the Customs authorities in respect of the said auction, and the final status of such objection(s), if any.

g. Whether the entire 100% bid amount against the said auction lot is presently lying with the Customs authorities or not.

h. If the entire 100% amount has been refunded to the successful bidder, then the date on which such refund was issued by the Customs authorities.

2. Allegedly, the requested information was not provided, which resulted in the institution of the instant appeal. Upon receipt of the appeal, a written reply furnished by the public body was shared with the applicant, who acknowledged its receipt and subsequently filed a rejoinder.

3. The Commission has examined the contents of the information request, the written reply submitted by the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant.

4. The public body, in its written reply, stated that the appeal is not maintainable and that the applicant has failed to rebut the presumption of regularity attached to the discharge of duties and functions of the public body. It was further submitted that the information sought by the applicant, including bidding amounts, deposits, delivery status, objections, and refund details, constitutes financial and commercial information relating to third-party private bidders who participated in the auction, and therefore enjoys exemption under Section 7(f) as well as Sections 16(f), 16(g), and 16(i) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

5. The Commission has examined the record and relevant law on the subject. The applicant has sought details regarding the auction of goods conducted by the public body. Certainly, any auction of goods held by a public body is required to be conducted through an open and transparent process, and ordinarily nothing in such process can be kept confidential. Under Section 6(b) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, records relating to transactions involving acquisition and disposal of property and expenditure undertaken by a public body in performance of its functions, including auction proceedings, constitute public record.

6. The plea taken by the public body regarding the presumption of regularity attached to the discharge of duties and functions of public bodies is misconceived and contrary to the spirit of the preamble of the Act, which seeks to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance. Mere presumption of regularity cannot substitute the statutory duty of a public body to disclose information, except where such information falls within the exemptions provided under Sections 7 and 16 of the Act.

7. Therefore, in order to ensure good governance, transparency, and accountability, the information sought by the applicant is liable to be disclosed, as the applicant, being a citizen of Pakistan, has a fundamental right to access such information, which constitutes public record.

8. In view of the above, the objections raised by the public body in its written reply and the plea seeking exemption from disclosure are hereby turned down. Consequently, the appeal is allowed. The Designated Official / Collector of Customs, Model Customs Collectorate, Port Muhammad Bin Qassim, Karachi is directed to furnish the required information within ten (10) days. Copy of order be also sent to the Chairman, FBR for submission of implementation report.

9. Adjourned for hearing on 17-06-2026.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5351-02/2026

Hammad Ali

Vs

Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP)

Date:

May 13, 2026

None appeared on behalf of public body.

2. The public body vide letter dated 6-04-2026 furnished the written reply along with certified copies of the minutes of 59 meeting of the policy board and said document was shared with the applicant vide notice dated 8-04-2026 under RGL No. 170312997 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: 5557-04/2026

Abid Khan

Vs

Deputy Commissioner Islamabad

Date:

May 13, 2026

None appeared on behalf of public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 29-04-2026, furnished a written reply stating that the matters mentioned in the information request relate to the CDA and IHRA. A copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant vide notice, who acknowledged its receipt. However, vide email dated 06-05-2026, the applicant stated that incomplete information had been provided by the public body and contended that the DC had not clarified whether the complaints were forwarded to the relevant authorities. The applicant further argued that the DC, under the law, was obligated to refer such complaints to the concerned departments.
2. The DC furnished copies of the complaints filed by the applicant along with the written reply, which have been duly perused. It is noted that the complaints pertain to matters falling within the domain of CDA and IHRA. Therefore, the reply furnished by the DC is found to be appropriate, and the objections raised by the applicant in his rejoinder are not tenable.
3. In view of the above, no further proceedings are required. Accordingly, the appeal stands disposed of. Copy of order be sent to both the parties.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
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Appeal No: 5353-02/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan

Vs

Ministry of Law and Justice

Date:

May 13, 2026

Mr. Iftikhar Ul Hussain, Deputy Solicitor, Ministry of Law and Justice present on behalf of public body.

1. In compliance with the order of the Commission dated 22-04-2026, the public body furnished a written reply vide letter dated 16-04-2026, addressing all the queries raised in the applicant's information request. It was submitted that, under the Rules of Business, 1973, the requisite information sought in the instant appeal pertains to the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony. As such, the applicant may approach the said Ministry for the required information.
2. It was further submitted that all updated federal laws and statutes are accessible to the public at large and are also available on the official website, the link of which has been provided.
3. A copy of the written reply was shared with the applicant, who, vide email dated 10-05-2026, filed a rejoinder stating that the judgment referred to in the information request explicitly issued directions to the Federation and the Ministry of Law and Justice. The applicant contended that, being the parent Ministry responsible for legislative affairs, legal reforms, statutory amendments, and publication of federal laws, the Ministry of Law and Justice is also responsible in the matter.
4. The Commission has examined the information request, the written reply furnished by the public body, and the rejoinder filed by the applicant at length. It is observed that the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony is required to initially initiate the case for amendment in the Nikahnama in pursuance of the directions of the Lahore High Court, whereafter the Ministry of Law and Justice is to undertake the necessary legislative process.
5. In the circumstances, the applicant may approach the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony for obtaining the required information. Accordingly, the appeal stands disposed of. Copy of 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: 5117-10/2025

Imaan Zainab Hazir

Vs

National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA)

Date:

May 13, 2026

Sarfaza Ahmed, Director, NCCIA and Sajjad Hussain, Deputy Director, NCCIA present on behalf of public body.

2. The public body has furnished a written reply stating that it relies upon the reply already submitted in Appeal No. 5115-10/2025 vide letter dated 25-03-2026.

3. The aforesaid appeal is also fixed for hearing today. During the proceedings in the said appeal, the Ministry was directed to furnish the notification issued under Section 7 by the Minister-in-Charge whereby the required information had been classified. Accordingly, the instant appeal is also adjourned to the same date on which Appeal No. 5115-10/2025 stands **adjourned on 02-06-2026.**

4. The reply to the show cause notice has been furnished by Sajjad Hussain, wherein he expressed regret for his absence and the inconvenience caused to the Commission, while explaining the reasons for his non-appearance. In view of the above, the show cause notice is hereby withdrawn.

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner

Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Pakistan Information Commission
Government of Pakistan
Order

Appeal No: 5561-04/2026

Kashif Shahzad Khan
Vs
Cabinet Division

Date:

May 13, 2026

Asma Raza Aslam, Section Officer, Cabinet Division, present on behalf of public body.

1. The public body, vide letter dated 06-05-2026, furnished a written reply stating that, under Rule 3 read with Schedule II of the Rules of Business, 1973, the business of the Federal Government is allocated among Ministries and Divisions. It was further submitted that matters relating to parliamentary business and the work of the Parliamentary Secretariat, including proceedings of the National Assembly, questions, motions, and related coordination, fall within the domain of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and not the Cabinet Division.
2. In view of the categorical written reply furnished by the public body, no direction can be issued for provision of information that is not held by the concerned public body. The applicant may approach the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for obtaining the requisite information.
3. No further proceedings are required. Accordingly, 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