

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

APPEAL NO. 311-02/2020

Shazia Mehboob  
Vs  
Inter Services Public Relations

26.2.2020  
Fawad Malik  
Information Commissioner

**A. APPEAL.**

1. Shazia Mehboob (appellant) has filed her appeal before the Commission, complaining that Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) (respondent) has not provided her the requested information under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

2. The information sought by the appellant through her application dated 9.1.2020 were as follows;

- “1. *At what year ISPR started operating tweeter as information warfare strategy? (Date & Year).*
2. *What is the very first tweet that ISPR made? (Need content, likes, re-share of that tweet as well)*
3. *Need content of five most impactful tweets so far. (Need content, likes, re-share record of that tweets as well).*
4. *What was on the ground impact of that tweets? or (How these tweets impact the country's foreign policy positively)?*
5. *Need a list of top five countries where ISPR has more followers than India (Likes or re-share of ISPR tweets).*
6. *How many tweets the ISPR account has made so far since creation of its account? (Year wise record of tweets).*
7. *Name of top five countries where ISPR tweets have most followers.*
8. *List five major areas tweets which leave positive impact on the country foreign diplomacy?*
9. *Ratio of year wise increase in likes of the ISPR tweets?”*

**B. COMMISSION'S VIEW:**

3. The information/record requested by the appellant pertains to the category of record relating to defense forces concerning the national security. This record is excluded from disclosure under section 7(e) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

4. The requested information is also exempted from disclosure under section 16(e) of the act as it is likely to cause serious prejudice to the defense / security of Pakistan and can adversely affect the capability and effectiveness of the armed forces.

5. There exist apprehensions that such disclosure is likely to damage the interests of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the conduct of the international relations with the foreign states and organizations.

6. The article 19-A of the Constitution provide the citizens to have the right of access to information in the matters of public importance but subject to regulations and reasonable restrictions.

**C. ORDER:**

7. For the reasons mentioned above the Appeal is *dismissed in limine*. The application for the requested information to ISPR, submitted by the appellant is not maintainable under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

Mohammad Azam  
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik  
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah  
Information Commissioner

Announced on:  
February 26, 2020

This order consists of 2 (two) pages; each page has been read and signed.