



Appeal No-318-02/20

Mukhtar Ahmed Ali

(Appellant)

Vs.

Islamabad Model College for Boys, F-10/3, Islamabad

(Respondent)

ORDER

Date: August 11, 2020

Mohammad Azam: Chief Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal with the commission on 11/02/2020 in which he stated that he had requested information from National Database and Registration Authority under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
2. The information sought by the Complainant, through application dated 29/11/2019, is as under
 - i. “Total number of classes in your college as well as total number of students (including class and gender wise break-down);
 - ii. Total number of teaching staff including subject, gender and grade/scale wise break-down;
 - iii. Total number of non-teaching staff including position held and gender and grade/scale wise break-down;
 - iv. Copy of the detailed budget documents for the FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 including head-wise budget allocations;
 - v. Copies of expenditure statement against the government’s allocated budget for the FY 2018-19 and the first quarter of the FY 2019-20;
 - vi. Detailed information about the college fund that is maintained through fees, contribution by students or other means including:
 - Total number of funds available with the college on November 01, 2019;
 - Amounts under various heads (head-wise) that students of various classes are expected to contribute every month;

- Copies of rules, regulations or guidelines that allow and regulate collection of fee or contributions under various heads from students and others as well as expenditures out of college fund; and
- Copies of latest audit report of college fund i.e. if such an audit is carried out”.

B. Proceedings

3. Through notice dated 24/02/2020, the commission asked the public body to submit reasons as to why the required information has not been provided to the appellant.
4. The Respondent did not respond to the notice and the hearing date was fixed for 05/08/2020 through the hearing notice sent on 24/07/2020 and both parties were informed accordingly.
5. No one appeared on behalf of the Respondent on the date of hearing on 05/08/2020.

C. DISCUSSION AND COMMISSION’S VIEW ON RELEVANT ISSUES

6. The commission is of the view that the requested information falls under Section 5 (a), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j) and Section 6 (a) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017. The requested information by the applicant falls under the category of proactive disclosure.
7. The commission notes with grave concern that why the respondent has ignored the request of the appellant and has not attended the hearing. The respondent by not responding to the notice and the hearing notice issued by the Commission has shown total disrespect to the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
8. The respondent has failed to comply with Section 12 and section 13 (1) & (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017, as the appellant has not received the requested information.
9. The respondent has failed to provide the requested information to citizen within a maximum of 20 working days of the receipt of the information request and thus failed to implement Section 14 (1) and (2) of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

D. Order

10. The appeal is allowed. The Respondent is directed to provide the requested information to the Appellant, as per his request at the earliest, but in any case, not later than 10 working days of the receipt of this order with intimation to this office. Furthermore, the Respondent is directed to take immediate steps to proactively share through the web site all categories of information mentioned in Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 and submit the compliance report to the commission by 11/09/2020.

11. Copies of this order being sent to the Director General, Federal Directorate of Education Islamabad, the respondent and the appellant for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on: August 11, 2020

This order consists of three pages and each page has been read and signed.

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