



**Appeal No 165-11/19**

**Nadeem Umer (Appellant)**

**Vs.**

**Excise and Taxation Department (Respondent)**

**ORDER**

Date: January 01, 2020

**Zahid Abdullah:** Information Commissioner

**A. The Appeal**

1. The Appellant filed an appeal with the commission on November 07, 2018 in which he stated that he had requested information from the Excise and Taxation Department under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

2. The information sought by the Complainant, through application dated October 14, 2019, addressed to the Director, Excise and Taxation Department pertained to the provision of audit reports of the following years:

- “i. Financial Year 2016-17
- ii. Financial Year 2017-18
- iii. Financial Year 2018-19”.

**B. Proceedings**

3. Through a notice dated November 11, 2019 the Commission called upon the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information within 7 working days.

4. No response was received from the respondent within the 7 working days and the hearing date was fixed for December 24, 2019 through the hearing notice sent on November 28, 2019 and both parties were informed accordingly.

5. No one appeared on behalf of the Respondent on the date of hearing on December 24, 2019.

### **C. Discussion and Commission's View on Relevant Issues**

Same as in the case of Shehzad Ahmed Khan Vs Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad, Appeal No. 144-11/19, available on Commission's Website ([www.rti.gov.pk](http://www.rti.gov.pk)).

### **D. Order**

6. The appeal is allowed. The Respondent is directed to provide certified copies of audit paras if included in the audit reports laid by the Auditor General of Pakistan before Public Accounts Committee for Financial Year 2016-17, Financial Year 2017-18 and Financial Year 2018-19 within 10 working days of the receipt of this Order.

7. The Respondent is also 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 03/02/2020.

8. Copies of this order be sent to the Respondent, the Appellant and the Auditor General of Pakistan for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam  
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik  
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah  
Information Commissioner

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