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In the Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad

Appeal No 855-01/21

Muhamad Sagheer (Appellant)

Vs.

Capital Territory Police, Islamabad

(Respondent)

Order

Date: March 01, 2021

Zahid Abdullah: Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

- 1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated 21-01-2021, to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to the Inspector General of Police, Islamabad dated 08-01-2021 under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 but did not received the requested information from the public body.
- 2. The information sought by the Appellant is as follows:

معلومات تک رسائی کے قانون کے تحت آئی جی اسلام آباد دفتر میں کرائی گئی میری درخواست بمورخہ 25 اگست 2020ء ڈائری غبر 19423 پر ہونے والے تمام کاروائی، رپورٹس اور نوٹس کی کاپی فراہم کی جائے۔

B. Proceedings

- 3. Through a notice dated 01-02-2021 sent to Inspector General of Police, Capital Territory Police, Islamabad the Commission called upon the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information.
- 4. The Public Body did not respond to the notice of the Commission. The appeal was fixed for hearing on March 04, 2021 and both parties were informed accordingly through a notice sent on February 15, 2021.
- 5. The Respondent did not attend the hearing.

C. Discussion and Commission's View on Relevant Issues

6. The Respondent should have acknowledged the receipt of the request for information of the citizen under Section 13 (2) (i) of the Act, and, if should have provided the requested information within a maximum of 20 working days of the receipt of the request for information.

- 7. It is unfortunate that the Respondent failed to respond to the duly sent notices of the commission.
- 8. The Respondent has not notified Public Information Officer as required under Section 9 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
- 9. While a citizen has the right of access to information pertaining to the action taken by police on the complaint of a citizen, such information which may adversely impact ongoing investigation cannot be shared with a citizen.
- 10. This commission is of the view that in the instant appeal, the requested information pertains to action taken by the police on his duly registered complaint with the police which can be shared with the Appellant without compromising any investigation. In fact, the disclosure of the requested information with the citizen will help build trust between citizens and the police.

D. Order

- 11. The Respondent is directed to share with the Appellant, with intimation to this office, the requested information about the action taken by police to resolve his complaint within 7 working days of the receipt of this Order.
- 12. The Respondent is directed to notify Public Information Officer, (PIO), under Section 9 of the Act, put the notification to this effect on its web site as required under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Act, put name, designation and contact details of the PIO on its web sites as required under Section 5 (1) (h) of the Act and submit compliance report to the commission within 10 working days of the receipt of this order.
- 13. Copies of this order be sent to Public Information Officer, Islamabad Capital Territory Police and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

Fawad Malik

Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah

Information Commissioner

Announced on:

March 9, 2021

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