

## Pakistan Information Commission

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### In The Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad

Appeal No 108-09/19

Shehzad Ahmed Khan

(Appellant)

Vs.

Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad

(Respondent)

### ORDER

**Date:** March 11, 2021

**Zahid Abdullah:** Information Commissioner

#### A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated 21-08-2019, to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to Public Information Officer of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad on July 15, 2019 under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 but did not received any response from the public body.
2. The information sought by the Appellant is as follows:
  1. *“Details of the fund allocated for the Sports Culture and Tourism during the financial year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, along with details of its utilization. (Financial Year wise breakup)*
  2. *List of the cultural events / activities organized / conducted by the directorate of Sports Culture and Tourism from 2016 till date, along with the details of expenses on each activity. (FY wise breakup).*
  3. *List of the Sports events / activities organized / conducted by the directorate of Sports Culture and Tourism from 2016 till date, along with the details of expenses on each activity. (FY wise breakup).*
  4. *Details of the activities conducted for the promotion of the tourism from 2016 till date, along with the details of the expenses on each activity. (FY wise breakup).”*

#### B. Proceedings

3. Through a notice dated October 07, 2019, sent to Chief Officer, Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad the Commission called upon the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information.
4. Through another notice dated October 23, 2019, sent to Chief Officer, Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad the Commission again called upon the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information.
5. The Appeal was fixed for hearing on November 21, 2019 and both parties were informed accordingly through a notice sent on November 05, 2019.
6. The Respondent on July 13, 2020 was once again directed to submit written reply and arguments within 15 working days.

7. The commission did not received any response from the Respondent.

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

8. The Respondent Metropolitan Corporation seems to be in total defiance of this commission as it has failed to respond to any of the duly served notices of the commission.
9. As the Respondent has failed to submit its response, this commission is left with no option but to decide whether the requested information can be disclosed under the provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
10. From the legal stand-point, the requested information should have been provided to the citizen in response to the information request, under Section 6 (b) of the Act, within a maximum of 20 working days, under Section 14 ((2) of the Act. Furthermore, the requested information should have been proactively disclosed by the Respondent on its web site as required under Section 5 (1) (g) of the Act.

### **D. Order**

11. The appeal is allowed. The Respondent, Metropolitan Corporation is directed to provide the following requested information to the Appellant, with intimation to this commission within 7 working days of the receipt of this Order:
1. *“Details of the fund allocated for the Sports Culture and Tourism during the financial year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, along with details of its utilization. (Financial Year wise breakup)*
  2. *List of the cultural events / activities organized / conducted by the directorate of Sports Culture and Tourism from 2016 till date, along with the details of expenses on each activity. (FY wise breakup).*
  3. *List of the Sports events / activities organized / conducted by the directorate of Sports Culture and Tourism from 2016 till date, along with the details of expenses on each activity. (FY wise breakup).*
  4. *Details of the activities conducted for the promotion of the tourism from 2016 till date, along with the details of the expenses on each activity. (FY wise breakup).”*
12. Copies of this order be sent to the Respondent and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

**Fawad Malik**

Information Commissioner

**Zahid Abdullah**

Information Commissioner

Announced on:

March 11, 2021

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