

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

APPEAL NO. 1083-05-2021

Tariq Mahmood

Versus

Pakistan Engineering Council

Date of Hearing: 22.09.2021

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

APPEAL

1. Mr. Tariq Mahmood, an approved contractor with SNGPL, through application dated 04.05.2021 addressed to Pakistan Engineering Council, Regional Office; Lahore has requested copy of Registration Form submitted for registration of his firm under the name and style as Tariq & Brothers.

PROCEEDINGS

2. The Deputy Registrar of the Pakistan Engineering Council vide letters dated July 9, 2021 and August 24, 2021 informed the Commission that the requested information has been provided to the appellant but both times the appellant has shown his dissatisfaction. Through letter dated August 25, 2021 he has reiterated the provision of the information stating that he had requested the “Copy of form filled for the grant of licence” only.

COMMISSION’S VIEW

3. The appellant through his application has asked for the copy of the form/application submitted by the appellant in the office of the Pakistan Engineering Council for the purpose of registration of his firm. The organization instead has mistakenly provided the copy of the licence.

4. The appellant under article 19A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 reserves the right to have access to the public record. The record asked by the appellant pertains to his personal firm therefore no harm will be caused in the provision of the said record.
5. It is noticed that the respondent organization has not complied with the mandatory provisions of section 5 & 9 of the Act.

ORDER

6. The appeal is allowed. The Registrar Pakistan Engineering Council is directed to provide the appellant “Copy of form filled for the grant of licence” of his firm Tariq & Brothers, forthwith but not later than seven days of the receipt of this order.
He is further directed to implement the sections 5 & 9 of the Act, under intimation to this Commission within one month of receiving this order.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on 28.09.2021

Certified that this order consists of two (2) pages, each page has been read and signed.