



**In the Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad**

**Appeal No 1415-10/21**

**Muhammad Aamir Khan**

**(Appellant)**

Vs.

**International Islamic University**

**(Respondent)**

**ORDER**

**Date:** February 10, 2022

Zahid Abdullah: Information Commissioner

**A. The Appeal**

1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated October 25, 2021, to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to the Incharge (Finance), International Islamic University, on October 04, 2021 under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 but did not receive any response from the public body.

2. The information sought by the Appellant is as follows:

*“Reference to Departmental promotion Committee Meeting held on 06.11.2020 regarding promotion of Non-Academic employee BPS-17 and above.*

*01. On the recommendation of Departmental Promotion Committee (for Non Academic Employees BPS-17 and above) many officer of BPS-17 and above were promoted to next higher scale and my case for promotion was deferred for next Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting.*

*02. The Government of Pakistan has given the right to everyone to have access to all information under the Act Right of Access to Information Act 2017 keeping in view of this you are requested to kindly provide the detail of vacant posts position of Additional Directors (BPS-19) before the date of Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting (i. e 06.11.2021) and current vacant posts position of Additional Director (BPS-19). to submit my grievance before the authorities of IIUI.”*

**B. Proceedings**

3. Through a notice dated November 24, 2021 sent to the Rector, International Islamic University, the commission directed the Respondent to submit reasons for not providing the requested information.

5. The commission held three hearings in December 21 and January 2022. The representative of the Respondent, IIU was told by the commission that the requested

information can be made public under Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The record available on the file suggests that the requested information has not been provided to the Appellant yet.

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

6. The Appellant has sought from the Respondent, IIU information about vacant posts position of Additional Directors (BPS-19) before the date of Departmental Promotion Committee meeting held on 06.11.2020 and current vacant posts position of Additional Director (BPS-19).
7. It would be stating the obvious that the requested information does not attract any of the exemption clauses mentioned in the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, henceforth referred to as the Act, 2017 and neither did the Respondent, IIU took such a stance before the commission in the hearing.
8. This commission notes with concern that the Rector, IIU is dragging its feet in providing the requested information to the Appellant and creating hurdles in the implementation of the Act 2017.
9. Entrusted with the solemn responsibility of protecting and promoting citizens' constitutional right of access to information in matters of public importance, this commission will leave no stone unturned for the implementation of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.
10. Citizens of Pakistan through their elected representatives have included in the Act the provision of imposing fine on public official who wilfully delay or deny access to the requested information so that they do not have to pay the undue cost in terms of time and money in exercising their right of access to information because of the dereliction of the duty of a public official.

**D. Order**

11. The Appeal is allowed. The Respondent is directed to provide the Appellant requested information vacant posts position of Additional Directors (BPS-19) before the date of Departmental Promotion Committee meeting held on 06.11.2020 and current vacant posts position of Additional Director (BPS-19). This information be provided to the Appellant at the earliest but not later than 7 working days of the receipt of this Order.
12. Copies of this Order be sent to the Rector, IIUI, Registrar, IIUI and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

**Mohammad Azam**  
Chief Information Commissioner

**Fawad Malik**  
Information Commissioner

**Zahid Abdullah**  
Information Commissioner

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