



In the Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad
Appeal No E141-08/21

M. Nouman Qureshi

(Appellant)

Vs.

Deputy Commissioner Islamabad

(Respondent)

ORDER

Date: May 18, 2022

Zahid Abdullah: Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated August 20, 2021 to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to the Deputy Commissioner, ICT Administration Complex, on July 30, 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:
 1. *“it is submitted that the subject licence was issued Mr. Khurram Reza Qureshi by your office. The undersigned along with another plaintiff have filed a plaint in Honable Court of senior Civil Judge, Islamabad for Suit for declaration Cancellation of licence No. ID-0013086; dated 10-11-2020. Besides District Office has also been made a party.*
 2. *Relevantly in response to our plaint the defendant (Mr. Khurram Raza Qureshi) has submitted his written statement to the Hon’able Court claiming that he had got the aforementioned license cancelled from District Office.*
 3. *Foregoing in view, it is requested to provide a copy of the cancellation letter against subject Arms Licence along with the copy of application submitted by Mr. Khurram Reza Qureshi.*
 4. *An early response shall be highly appreciated, Feel free to contact the undersigned in case of any query.*

B Proceedings

- 3 The record available on the file reveals that the Respondent provided letter of the cancellation of *subject Arms Licence*.
- 4 Through a letter dated January 01, 2022, the Appellant shared with the commission that “Arms License Cancellation letter (has been provided) but the application submitted by Mr Khurram Reza Qureshi for cancellation of the license no ID- 0013086 (has not been provided by DC Office)”.

C Discussion and Commission’s Views on Relevant Issues:

5. This commission holds that ‘information means records available with the public body or information based on those records.

6. This commission maintains that the Respondent, Deputy Commissioner Office is custodian of application submitted by Mr Khurram Reza Qureshi for cancellation of the license no ID- 0013086 (. As such, certified copy of the application should have been provided to the Appellant, blanking out privacy related information such as cell number and address of the applicant etc.

D Order

7. The appeal is allowed. Deputy Commissioner, ICT administration is directed to share with the Appellant certified copy of the application submitted by Mr Khurram Reza Qureshi for cancellation of the license no ID- 0013086 (within 7 working days of the receipt of this Order, with intimation to this office.
8. Copies of this Order be sent to the Respondent and the Appellant for information and necessary action.

Mohammad Azam

Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik

Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah

Information Commissioner

Announced on: May 18, 2022

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