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In the Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad

Appeal No 1388-10/21

Mukhtar Ahmed Ali (Appellant)

Vs.

Ministry of Interior (Respondent)

ORDER

Date: April 29, 2022

Zahid Abdullah: Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

- 1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated October 06,2021, to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to the Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Interior on September 06, 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:
 - "Has the Ministry received any proposal for the creation of posts of Cashier/ accountant or any other staffs with competence/ a skill for managing funds allocated to the police stations is Islamabad in the Annual Budget 2021-22? If yes, please share a copy of the proposal that has been received
 - Has the Ministry moved any proposal/ summary for the creation of posts of cashier/ accountant or nay other staff with competence / skills for managing funds allocated to the police stations in Islamabad in the Annual Budget 2021-22? If yes, please share a copy of the proposal/ summary that the Ministry has moved.
 - Copies of the Correspondence, recommendations and decisions, if any, in relation to nay proposal/ summary that the Ministry has received /moved for the creation of posts of Cashier/ Accountant or any other staff with competence / skills for managing funds allocated to the police stations in Islamabad in the Annual Budget 2021-22"?

B Proceedings

Record available on the file shows that other than copy of an internal correspondence, the Respondent did not submit its response despite duely served notices of the commission.

C Discussion and Commission's View on Relevant Issues

- 4. This commission notes with concern that information of public importance pertaining to policing of Islamabad Capital Territory has not been shared with the Appellant despite the notices of the commission.
- 5. First two questions of the Appellant only required Yes/No response from the Respondent and even this response has not been provided.
- 6. This commission maintains that the requested certified copies of records pertaining to Correspondence, recommendations and decisions, if any, in relation to nay proposal/summary that the Ministry has received /moved for the creation of posts of Cashier/Accountant or any other staff with competence / skills for managing funds allocated to the police stations in Islamabad in the Annual Budget 2021-22 is public information and should have been provided to the Appellant, if available with the Respondent.

D. Order

- 7. The appeal is allowed. The Respondent is directed to provide information/records requested in para 2 of this Order to the Appellant, within 7 working days of the receipt of this Order, with intimation to this office.
- 8. Copies of the Order be sent to the Appellant and the Respondent for information and necessary action.

Fawad Malik

Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah

Information Commissioner

Announced on:

May 10, 2022

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