



In the Pakistan Information Commission, Islamabad
Appeal No 1709-01/22

Noor Satwat Fatimah

(Appellant)

Vs.

Aiwan-e-Sadar

(Respondent)

ORDER

Date: June 30, 2022

Zahid Abdullah: Information Commissioner

A. The Appeal

1. The Appellant filed an appeal, dated January 20, 2022, to the Commission, stating that he submitted an information request to the Aiwan-e-Sadar on January 16, 2022 under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 but did not receive the requested information from the public body.

The concerned didn't Provide information/record as requested

It is solicited to kindly register my complaint Respondent and order him to reply in complete details along with documentary evidence without wastage of further time.

Appropriate action is also requested for causing delay. Wastage of precious time and resources.

2. The information sought by the Appellant is as under:-

"I want the specific answers of the specific questions about the 'Sehat Sahulat Program' that is being run.

I lodged representation against the order of Wafaqi Mohtasib. In response letter dated 24 September 2021 vide # 366/wm/2021 received . After that I am still unaware with the response. Kindly inform regarding status of my appeal /representation.

B. Proceedings

3. On March 30, 2022, the commission intimated the Appellant the following:
"This is with reference is filed by Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatima against Aiwan-e-Sadar
The appeal is filed by Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah while the information request and earlier correspondence was made through email id"Muhammad Waseem Elahi". If you are processing/filing appeal on behalf of Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah, you are directed to submit CNIC copy of Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah and power of attorney within working days.
4. Through E-mail dated April 6, 2022, Mr. M. Waseem Elahi stated the following:
"In view of your restriction/justification, close the appeal immediately and share closure intimation".

- 5 The commission sent an E-mail dated March 30, 2022 to Mr. Waseem Elahi on but did not get any response from him. The text of this E-mail is as under:
“This is with reference to appeal filed by Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah against Aiwan-e-Sadar.

The appeal is filed by Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah while the information request and earlier correspondence was made through email id “Muhammad Waseem Elahi”. If you are processing/filing appeal on behalf of Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah, you are directed to submit CNIC copy of Mrs. Noor Satwat Fatimah and power of attorney within 7 working days”.

C Issues:

6. The instant Appeal has brought to the fore following point for the consideration of this commission:
What are requirements for filing Appeal on behalf of a citizen and has the person acting on the behalf of the citizen fulfilled those requirements in the instant Appeal?
7. This commission maintains that any citizen can file request for information himself/herself, or, through duly authorized person under Rule 2 (1) of the Right of Access to Information Rules 2021. The same is applicable in the case of lodging appeals with this commission.
8. This commission holds that the person acting on the behalf of the Appellant failed to produce before this commission ‘authorization’, or, Power of Attorney demonstrating that he was duly authorized to act on behalf of the Appellant.
9. Even when the person acting on the behalf of the Appellant was contacted to provide ‘authorization’, he stated “In view of your restriction/justification, close the appeal immediately and share closure intimation”.

D Order

10. The Appeal is disposed of as the person acting on the behalf of the Appellant has failed to submit before this commission ‘authorization’, or, Power of Attorney.
11. Copies of the Order be sent to the Appellant, the Respondent and the person acting on the behalf of the Appellant.

Mohammad Azam

Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik

Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah

Information Commissioner

Announced on: June 30, 2022

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