

Appeal No. 1745-02/2022

Zafar Iqbal

Vs

Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Zafar Iqbal through his application dated 11.02.2022 has requested the attested copies of Office Orders, Pay Slips, advertisement for recruitment, Minutes of meeting and recommendations of the promotion committee regarding Zafar Mehmood Malik, Director, IBCC (Admn), Hamidullah Niazi, Muhammad Usman, Director, Muneeb Javed, Director, Maqbool Hussain, Shafaqat Ali, Ataullah UDC, Ahtesham Javed, UDC Sarwar Din, UDC Muhammad Ishaq, LDC, Muhammad Riaz Ahmed, LDC, Sikandar Hayat and Gohar Ali UDC.
2. Feeling aggrieved for the non-provision of information, he has filed an appeal before the Pakistan Commission on Access to Information, Islamabad.

B. PROCEEDINGS

3. The Asstt. Secretary (Admn), Inter Board Committee of Chairman, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training vide letter dated April 20, 2022 has submitted the reply before the Commission. Along with the reply he has appended the inquiry report dated February 15, 2022 filed against the IBCC employees on the complaint of Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Ex-Contractual UDC, the appellant.
4. The appellant is not satisfied with the inquiry report and has reiterated for the provision of information and record detailed in his application.

C. COMMISSION'S VIEW

5. The appellant has requested for the provision of Office Orders, Pay Slips, advertisement for recruitment, Minutes of meeting and recommendations of the promotion committee regarding the officers

and employees of the Inter Board Committee of Chairman, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.

6. The bare reading of the request depicts that the information and record sought by the appellant is enlisted in the category of public record as defined in the Act. Each public body is under compulsion to proactively publish including uploading over the internet in a manner to ensure its accessibility to the citizens, all the record detailed in section 5 of the Act.
7. Transparency in the working of the government departments is the essence for the enactment of the Act 2017. Its spirit is to ensure that the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have access to the records held by the federal public bodies for making the government accountable to the people. This practise would improve the participation of the people in the public affairs aimed at reducing corruption, nepotism, discrimination, misuse of power and inefficiency in the governance.

D. ORDER

8. The appeal is allowed. The Asstt. Secretary (Admn), Inter Board Committee of Chairman, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training is directed to furnish the appellant all the requested information and record, forthwith, but in any case not later than seven days of the receipt of this order.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner
Announced on 16.08.2022

Certified that this order consists of 02 pages, each page has been read and signed.