

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

Appeal No. 2110-08/2022

Dr. Saeed Ahmed

Vs

Federal Directorate of Education

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Mr. Dr. Saeed Ahmed filed an email request, addressed to the Director General, Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad seeking therein copies of certain documents. Through his application dated 03.08.2022, he has requested the following information:

“I submit that I worked as an Associate Professor (Math) at IMCB F-7/3 for the period 17.02.2011-16.2.2012. About my performance, two letters were written one by Principal Muhammad Hamid and the second by the Principal Mr. Iqbal Hussain but never conveyed to me. Therefore, it is requested to your kind office that a copy of copy of both letters may kindly be provided to me. Furthermore, the following documents are also required:

- *Adverse remarks by Ex-Secretary Imtiaz Illahi.*
- *Adverse remarks by Ex-Secretary Farah Hamid.”*

2. Feeling aggrieved for the non-provision of information within the period stipulated under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 he has filed appeal before Pakistan Commission on Access to information, Islamabad.

B. PROCEEDINGS

3. The Directorate Communication and Facilitation, Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad vide letter dated 11-08-2022, was directed to

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provide reasons in writing within seven working days as to why the requested information has not been provided to the applicant as under section 14 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017, each public body is bound to respond to a request as early as possible and in any case not later than ten working days of the receipt of the request.

4. The reply was not submitted therefore the appeal was fixed for hearing before the Commission on 14.09.2022 when Mr. Ghulam Hussain A.O, and Mr. Zafar Abbass, Superintendent appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Federal Directorate of Education. They submitted the copy of adverse remarks written by Miss Farah Hamid, Federal Secretary, however requested for an adjournment for the provision of the rest of the information. The appeal was adjourned for 28.09.2022 when no one appeared before the Commission.

C. COMMISSION'S VIEW

5. The appellant has desired the copies of the two letters written by Muhammad Hamid, Principal and Mr. Iqbal Hussain, Principal with reference to the performance of the appellant as an Associate Professor (Math) at IMCB F-7/3 for the period 17.02.2011 to 16.2.2012 and copies of the adverse remarks by the former secretaries Mr. Imtiaz Illahi and Miss Farah Hamid.
6. The respondent public body has provided the copy of adverse remarks written by Miss Farah Hamid, Federal Secretary and undertook the provision of the rest of the information but failed to comply the undertaking. The public body never denied the provision of the requested information or claimed exemption from its disclosure. Even otherwise the requested information and record concerns to the person of the appellant. The appellant reserves his fundamental and statutory right to have access to the desired information and record for his personal record or for availing his legal and service remedies provided under the law.

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D. ORDER

7. The appeal is allowed. The Directorate Communication and Facilitation, Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad is directed to provide the appellant all the requested information detailed in para 1 of this order, forthwith, but in any case not later than five days of the receipt of this order.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on 11.10.2022

Certified that this order consists of three (3) pages, each page has been read and signed.