

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No: 2441-12/22

Saddia Mazhar

Vs

Central Board of Film Censor

Date:

April 18, 2023

Appellant not present. Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Vice Chairman, Central Board of Film Censor, present on behalf of respondent / public body.

2. The representative of respondent / public body has submitted a copy of a letter dated 31-01-23 issued by the film inspector, Central Board of Film Censors. According to the said letter exemption of information mentioned at Serial No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 of the information request has been sought under Section 7 and 16 (b) (v) and (e) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. About the remaining information it is submitted that it has been already shared with the appellant. However, copy of the said shared information has not been furnished before the commission.

3. As for as exemption under Section 7 and 16 (b) (v) and (e) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 is concerned, the commission has gone through the information request of the appellant about the provision of info mentioned at Serial No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9. None of the said information is either exempted under Section 7 and 16 (b) (v) and (e) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

4. The representative of public body was also associated and the opportunity was given to argue on the plea of exemption. After arguments and going through the relevant provision of the act, the representative was satisfied that none of the information requested in the appeal enjoy an exemption under the above said provision of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. The Commission also finds that said information does not enjoy any exemption hence, the plea taken by the public body about the exemption of information is not tenable and is repelled.

5. In view of the above said discussion, the appeal is allowed the respondent public body is directed to furnish the required information mentioned at Serial No. 1 to 9 of the appeal except the details relating to the privacy of any individual such as a residential address, and phone number within 10 days.

6. Copy of the order be sent to Chairman, Central Censor Board and appellant. To come up for compliance of the order on June 01, 2023.

Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner