

Pakistan Information Commission

Government of Pakistan

Order

Appeal No: 2362-11/22

Nazish Ghulam

Vs

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority

Date:

June 07, 2023

Appellant present in person. None appeared on behalf of respondent / public body, in spite of issuing 4 notices to the General Manager, as well as Chairman PEMRA. In view of the conduct of the respondent / public body ex parte proceedings are recorded against the respondent.

2. The appellant moved an application dated 12-10-2022 to Chairman, PEMRA for the supply of following information;

1. Please provide all notices issued by PEMRA from July 1, 2021 till Sep 30, 2022 to all television channels.

2. Please provide the details of collected fines, total value and individual fines collected by PEMRA from July 1, 2021 till Sep 30, 2022

3. Please inform how many notices of PEMRA from July 1, 2021 till Sep 30, 2022 were challenged in courts, what is the current status?

3. The request of the appellant was not responded by the public body whereupon the appellant filed appeal before the commission.

4. None of the information requested by the appellant enjoys exemption under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

5. Said information is to be proactively published by the public body as required under section 5 of the Right of Access to

Information Act, 2017. The appellant being citizen of Pakistan has the fundamental right to have the information from public body. Therefore, the appeal is allowed, and the public body is directed to share all the requested information with the appellant within 10 working days of the receipt of this order.

6. Copy of the order be shared with the appellant and Chairman, PEMRA for compliance.

7. Adjourned for submission of compliance report on July 25, 2023.

Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui
Chief Information Commissioner

Ijaz Hassan Awan
Information Commissioner