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SYED BUKHAR SHAH VS. PRESS CLUB, PESHAWAR
(Complaint No. 3660)

ORDER

Brief fact of the case are that a citizen namely Syed Bukhar Shah a member of Press Club Peshawar filed an information request before the PIO of Press Club Peshawar on 21-07-2017 to get some information relating to the recipients of laptops in Press Club Peshawar.

When the desired information was not provided to him within prescribed period he lodged a complaint before the Commission on 09-08-2017. Accordingly directions were issued to public body on 23-08-2017 to provide information to the complainant, but to no avail. A reminder was again issued on 14-09-2017 but with no result. Consequently summons were issued on 24-10-2017, 09-11-2017, and 07-12-2017 but to no avail. Finally a show cause notice was issued to the President Peshawar Press Club, but the latter failed to send his reply, neither did he attend the Commission.

From the factual position mentioned about, it becomes abundantly clear that the President Press Club Peshawar has persistently delayed the provision of information to a citizen, which is his constitutional right as enshrined in article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 26 (3) b of the Right to Information Act, 2013, a fine of Rs. 20000/- (Twenty Thousand Only) is imposed upon the President/PIO, Peshawar Press Club, Peshawar. The fine amount shall be deposited in AC No. c 03841 with intimation to this Commission. It is further added that imposition of penalty on the incharge public body does not absolve him of his obligation to provide the demanded information to the complainant. The same should therefore be provided to him within ten days of the issuance of this order, with intimation to the Commission.


Information Commissioner-I


Information Commissioner -II

