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## ZAHID ULLAH QAZI VS. TMA, OGHI, MANSEHRA (COMPLAINT NO. 04740)

## ORDER

WHEREAS you Mr. Aftab Ali Shah, TMO/PIO, TMA Oghi, Mansehra received an RTI request on <u>09/01/2018</u> from Mr. <u>Zahid Ullah Qazi</u> for providing him certain information under the Right to Information Act, 2013. You were supposed to take action under section 10(2) of the Act by giving a proper response, but you failed to do so. Similarly you did not provide him the required information in the prescribed limit of 10-20 days as envisaged in the Act. Direction was also issued to you to attend this Commission on <u>25/06/2018</u> but you did not comply with the direction of the Commission. Consequently a show cause notice was issued on <u>17/07/2018</u> as to why action should not be initiated against you in accordance with Sec. <u>26 (3) (b)</u> of the RTI Act 2013; the reply of which is still awaited. There is therefore no option left but to impose penalty upon you.

Now, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 26 (3) (b) of the Right to Information Act, 2013, a fine of Rs. 25000/- (Twenty Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon you i.e. Mr. Aftab Ali Shah, TMO/PIO, TMA Oghi, Mansehra.

The fine amount should be deposited under head of Account <u>C 03841</u>, in the National Bank of Pakistan and a certificate to the effect furnished to the Commission. It is further added that imposition of fine does not absolve you from your obligation to provide the desired information to the complainant, which should be provided to him within <u>10</u> days of the issuance of this order, failing which further action will be initiated in the instant case under section 28 (I) (a) of the KPK RTI Act 2013 for deliberately obstructing access to record with a view to preventing the exercise of a right provided to a citizen in the KPK RTI Act, 2013.

Chief Information Commissioner

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