

12 November, 2019

Chief Information Commissioner,
Pakistan Information Commission,
Information Services Academy,
Zero Point, Islamabad

Sir,

On November 09, 2019, I received a letter dated November 04, 2019 from the Commission enclosing FIA's letter addressed to you as a response to my RTI requests dated July 03, 2018, appealed on January 08, 2019. Through the letter I have also been communicated by the commission that if I do not object to the letter within seven (07) working days from the receipt of the letter the commission would presume that I am satisfied with the FIA's response and the case will be closed.

On October 30, 2019, FIA wrote a response to three of my RTI requests pending as appeal nos. 015-03/19, 018-03/19 and 020-03/19 citing Section 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 as the reason for non-disclosure and non-provision of information in these three appeals only. I wish to point out that FIA has yet to respond to the remaining four RTI requests pending with the commission.

Through this letter I wish to communicate to the commission my dissatisfaction with the FIA's response on the following grounds:

1. The RTI requests pertain to information regarding the **number of cases registered under Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016 (PECA)**. When cases are registered and go to trial, they become a part of public record. Proceedings conducted in courts are open to the public. Therefore, the information requested is public record. The RTI requests made to FIA are as follows:
 - a. Please provide total number of cases registered to date under Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 with their FIR numbers?
 - b. How many cases are registered under Section 20 of Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016. Provide FIR numbers?
 - c. How many cases are registered under Section 21 of Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016. Provide FIR numbers?
 - d. How many cases are registered under Section 24 of Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016. Provide FIR numbers?
 - e. How many people have been arrested under Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016? Provide case numbers?
 - f. How many people have been granted bail under Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016? Provide case numbers?
 - g. How many cases are pending under Electronic Transactions Ordinance, 2002?

The data requested should already be available on their website under Section 5 (i) of the 2017 Act.