

No. AD (A&C) PIC 2-40 /2019
PUNJAB INFORMATION COMMISSION
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
64- Nursery Lane, Lawrence Road, Lahore
Dated: 13-05-/2019

To,
The Inspector General Police,
Punjab.

Subject: Implementation of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act, 2013

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to the above subject.

The Punjab Information Commission established under above mentioned law is facing serious hardships to deal with RTI complaints relating to Police Department, for non-compliance of Section 7 of the Act which required each public body to designate/notify at least one officer as Public information Officer (PIO) for each Office or Administrative Unit, within 60 days of the commencement of Act on 16.12.2013 and to forward a list of notified Public Information Officers to the Punjab Information Commission.

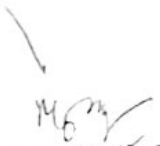
2. It is pointed out that Chief Secretary Punjab also circulated instructions to all administrative secretaries to appoint a Chief PIO for each department to liaise and coordinate with Punjab Information Commission by forwarding list of notified PIOs of all offices/administrative units and to coordinate with Punjab Information Commission for the conduct of awareness and training sessions of PIOs vide letter No. So (I&C-1) 1-52/2015 dated 12TH February 2019 (copy enclosed). Almost all government departments have already complied with the directions.

3. The Police department also qualifies as a "public body" defined as Section 2 (h) of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013 and is very much amenable to the RTI law for implementation of Fundamental Right to Information of citizens of Pakistan. Punjab Information Commission is to submit its Annual Report 2018/2019 to Provincial Assembly of the Punjab by the end of financial year 2019 narrating the response and performance of all public bodies/government departments in respect of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013.

4 In view of above your kind indulgence is solicited for the better perception of Police Department following actions are proposed for your kind considerations;

- (i) To appoint Chief PIO for coordination with Punjab Information Commission
- (ii) To notify/designate PIOs for each office/administrative unit of Police Station and to be forwarded to Punjab Information Commission by Chief PIO
- (iii) To make RTI law part of trainings courses in Police Academies
- (iv) Chief PIO to arrange and facilitate Punjab Information Commission for conduct of awareness and training sessions of all notified public information officer.
- (v) To conduct trainings of PIOs at divisional and district level with the assistance of Punjab Information Commission

5. It is requested to consider above proposed actions and proceed accordingly. The consultative services of Punjab Information Commission are always available for Police Department to achieve the objectives of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013.


(Mahboob Qadir Shah)
Chief Information Commissioner

CC to:-

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