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(COMPLAINT NO. 3529).

REF: - GHUFRAN ULLAH VS. PRESS CLUB, MARDAN.

(13th October, 2017)

ORDER/DECISION

Mr. Ghufran Ullah resident of Mardan filed a request with the PIO/President, Mardan Press Club on 21/06/2017 for seeking some information. His application was not entertained within the prescribed time, hence he filed a complaint before the Commission on 11/07/2017. The Commission vide letter dated 11/07/2017, followed by reminder dated 24/07/2017 directed the public body to provide the desired information to the complainant but to no avail. The PIO of the public body was therefore summoned to attend the Commission on 02/08/2017.

During the course of proceedings on 02/08/2017 the PIO was again directed to provide the requisite information to the complainant by 15/08/2017 but in vain. A show cause notice was therefore issued to the PIO for failure on his part to provide information. The PIO responded to the show cause, and also brought part of the desired information, but the complainant expressed dissatisfaction over the same i.e. non provision of the details regarding grants received by the press club from 2009 to 2017 and its utilization. The Commission therefore gave 3-days' time to bring the information relating to grants, but the PIO avoided to convey on one pretext or the other.

From the facts mentioned above, it becomes Crystal clear that the public body is persistently denying the provision of complete information to the complainant. Therefore under section 26 subsection (3) of the **KPK RTIC Act-2013** a fine of **RS 20,000/-** is hereby imposed on the PIO of the public body. The amount of fine is to be deposited in the government treasury Account No "**C03841**" under intimation to the Commission.

Commissioner-I

Commissioner-II

Chief Information Commissioner