

Mr. Zahid Gishkori Editor Investigation Hum News Pakistan

Subject: Provision of Information under "The Right of Access to Information Act, 2017"

Dear Mr. Gishkori,

Thank you for your queries. NADRA fully complies with RTI requests. Please find below responses to your questions:

- 1. What is the total number of vehicles, now in official use, at your office? What is monthly consumption of fuel (petrol/diesel/gas) & its expenditures in total for these vehicles? By the office we assume that your question is referring to the Chairman's Office. Chairman NADRA and Registrar General of Pakistan is officially entitled to two vehicles for use while in office, as approved by the Authority Board. Their combined mileage averages 2000 KMs per month which also includes daily commute as well as visits to NADRA facilities. The average POL consumption at current price translates into Rs. 84,286 per month.
- 2. How many vehicles were officially purchased in the past four years and what was their total estimated value?

NADRA is compliant to the provisions of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) of Pakistan. All procurement and disposal activities are undertaken strictly according to the established procedures. Information regarding tenders is published on the official PPRA website as well as NADRA's website and social media platforms.

159 vehicles were purchased, of which 115 were Mobile Registration Vans, at a total cost of Rs. 1318 million in the years between 2020-2024.

- 3. How many vehicles were disposed of during the past four years? How much revenue was generated from their disposal? Can you provide details of these vehicles?

 Sixty-nine vehicles were auctioned, raising revenue of Rs. 110.8 million. Details of these auctions and related tenders are available on the PPRA website.
- 4. How many employees were recruited in the past four years in your departments? Can you provide details of it?

NADRA is governed by NADRA Employees (Service) Regulations, 2002 (NESR) for recruitment of HR. 8478 employees were hired between 2020 and 2024.

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- 5. 281 CNICs to Iranian nationals issued in Panjgur and two other bordering districts of Balochistan. What is the latest update into this inquiry and investigation?
 While we have no basis to corroborate your figures of the CNICs cited in your question, an inquiry on issuing identity cards to Iranian nationals was conducted in 2021. Departmental and legal action was taken against 69 involved employees and 29 employees were dismissed from the service.
- 6. How many NADRA officials were facing inquiry/investigation on issuing over 72000 CNICs to aliens? What is the outcome of inquiries filed against them in the past five years?

 While we have no basis to corroborate your figures of the CNICs cited in your question, there have been incidents of illegal alien processing. 508 inquiries have been carried out against 2022 employees of which 121 are ongoing. From the concluded inquiries, 113 employees were terminated from service and 743 employees were exonerated. Those deemed responsible will face disciplinary as well as criminal proceedings. Outcome of the ongoing inquiries would be communicated later in the light of section 16 (b)(ii), (e)(i), (h), (i)(v)) of RTI 2017.
- 7. More than a dozen officers of NADRA whose security was not cleared by the agencies managed to get jobs in previous NADRA Chairman Tariq Malik's time. Even one such officer was expelled by multiple organizations like NAB & SECP but he managed to get a key job in NADRA and is currently serving in Chairman NADRA office. Did NADRA take any action against them?
 - NADRA follows 'NADRA Employees (Service) Regulations 2002' and human resource recruitment policies of the Authority. NADRA is fully compliant with NESR section 14 and section 15 that deal with the verification of character and antecedents of its employees during recruitment. No such instance of recruitment is in our knowledge as asserted in your question.
- 8. MNA Ali Gohar Mehar's family tree leaked by someone in NADRA. Did NADRA take any action against the culprits?
 - Fact Finding Inquiries are currently ongoing on all instances of **alleged** data leaks, outcome of which will be communicated in light of Section 16 (b)(ii),(e)(i), (h), (i)(v) of the RTI 2017.
- 9. An officer currently working in the Law Wing of NADRA faced inquiry of leaking General Asim Bajwa in SECP. Did NADRA get his security clearance first before inducting him?
 NADRA follows 'NADRA Employees (Service) Regulations 2002' and subsequent Human resource recruitment policies authorized by the Authority, to ascertain the controls and checks required for its staff members including but not limited to security clearances. NADRA is fully compliant with NESR section 14 and section 15 that deal with the verification of character and

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10. Election Management System did not work, officially confirmed by the ECP. How much amount NADRA extracted from this whole elections project 2024? Is it true that NADRA released bonuses to its employees for successfully running the management system? While the question is conjectural, it may be best answered by Election Commission of Pakistan with reference to the performance of Election Management System.

The Election Commission of Pakistan entered into a 'Infrastructure as a service' contract with NADRA for the purposes of General Election 2024. The disclosure of exact amount by NADRA is exempt from disclosure under Section 16 (g) RTI 2017. We recommend that you may direct this question to Election Commission of Pakistan.

NADRA on its part fulfilled all contractual obligations. Employees were deployed across Pakistan for this purpose. As per NESR, and duly approved by NADRA Authority Board, a bonus of one basic salary was given to all employees involved in the project.

- 11. How many employees of NADRA were reprimanded/ punished for leaking citizens' personal information in the past three years?
 - NADRA has dismissed 22 employees from service, imposed major penalties other than dismissal on 6 employees and imposed minor penalties on 121 employees in the last three years.
- 12. How many employees' names were put on the stop list after current Chairman NADRA assumed the charge? We shall be very grateful if the required information is forwarded to the undersigned within the stipulated period of the law.

NADRA has not placed any employee on the stop list. The subject matter of this query pertains to the Ministry of Interior and may be directed accordingly.

Kind Regards,

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