

**THE BALOCHISTAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
RULES, 2007**

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NOTIFICATION

[20th November, 2007]

No. SO (INF:) 2-31/2007/1424-1524. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2005² (Balochistan Act No. VI of 2005), the Provincial Government is pleased to make the following Rules, namely:—

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RULES, 2007

1. **Short title, application and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Freedom of Information Rules, 2007.
 - (2) They shall apply to public bodies.
 - (3) They shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions.**— In these Rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:—
 - (a) “Act” means the Freedom of Information Act, 2005² (Balochistan Act No. VI of 2005).
 - (b) all other words and expression used, but not defined herein, shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Act.
3. **Designate official.**— (1) The Head of every public body under his administrative control for the purpose of providing duly attested photocopy of the public record to the applicant, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, 11, 12 and 13 of the Act.
 - (2) The designate official shall be a senior officer of the public body not below BPS- 19. In case no such official has been designed or in the event of the absence or non-availability of the designed official, the person incharge of the public body shall be the designed official, for the purposes of these rules.
4. **Application for obtaining information.**— (1) Subject to sub section (2) of Section 12 of the Act, any citizen of Pakistan may apply on the Application Form as set out in Annexure-I for obtaining photocopy of the public record available with the respective public body along with an initial fee of fifty rupees for ten or less than ten pages to be deposited with

¹ These rules have been issued by the Government of Balochistan Information and Information Technology Department, Government of Balochistan vide its notification No. SO(INF:) 2-31/2007/1424-1524, dated 20th November, 2007; and published in the Balochistan Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 140, dated 20th November, 2007.

² An Act passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 27th November, 2005; assented to by the Governor of Balochistan; and published in the Balochistan Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 179, dated 6th December, 2005.

the Cash Branch of the respect department under proper receipt or in the State Bank of Pakistan or National Bank of Pakistan or Treasury Officers under the following heads of accounts, namely—

Major Head	C0	Miscellaneous Receipts
Minor Head	C038	Others
Detailed Head	C03885	Fee payable for obtaining Information form, and Copies of Public Record.

(2) An amount of five rupees per page of photocopy shall be deposited in the heads of account specified in sub-rule (1) of the rule 4 for every additional page (standard size) if the number of the pages of the record requested exceeds ten pages per requisition.

(3) In case of the any Board, Commission, Council or other body established by, or under, a provincial law, charges, shall be deposited in their respective heads of account.

(4) Subject to the availability of the facility each public body shall make available the Application Form (Annexure-I) on its website.

5. **Procedure for disposal of application.**— The designated official of every public body shall given an intimation to the applicant in the form as set out in Annexure-II and dully attested photocopy of public record subject to the provisions of rules 6 except such information as is exempted under section 8, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Act, as well as, any other instructions of the Government for restricting the disclosure of information by the public body concerned.

6. **Procedure for filing of complaint with the head or public body.**— In case the requisite information is not provided by the designated official of a public within twenty-one days, the applicant may, file a complaint with the head of that public body and head of such public body shall dispose of the complaint under intimation to the complaint within thirty days of its receipt. In case the application is sent through mail, it shall be disposed of within prescribed time limit beginning from the date of the receipt in the office concerned.

(See *Annexure* on next page)

Annexure-I

(see rule 4)

APPLICATION FORM
FOR OBTAINING RECORD UNDER
FREEDON OF INFORMATION ACT, 2005
(BALOCHISTAN ACT NO. VI OF 2005)

Name _____

CNIC No. _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Phone No _____

Name of the Public Body from which information
is to be obtained _____

Subject matter of record requested _____

Nature of the record requested _____

Purpose of acquisition information or Record _____

DECLARATION

- (a) Application fee of Rs. 50/- (Non-refundable) has been disposed with the Cash Branch of the department or in State Bank of Pakistan or Treasury Office _____ vide challan or receipts No. _____ dated _____, an original copy of which is attached.
- (b) The information obtained would not be used for any purpose other than specified above.

Signature of the Applicant

Annexure-II

(see rule 50)

PROFORMA FOR INTIMATION TO THE APPLICANT

Subject _____

Reference your application dated _____ for supply of photocopies of the record regarding _____.

Your request has been considered and accepted/ rejected by the competent authority.

2. You are requested to deposit an additional amount of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____), for additional _____ pages of photocopies (@ Rs. 5/- per page), with the Cash Branch of the department or in the State Bank of Pakistan or National Bank of Pakistan or Treasury Officers under the head of account mentioned below:

Major Head	C0	Miscellaneous Receipts
Minor Head	C038	Others
Detailed Head	C03885	Fee payable for obtaining Information form, and Copies of Public Record.

3. Your request is regretted as the same is not permissible under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2005 (Balochistan Act No. VI of 2005) for the reasons that _____

Signature of the designated Officer

Dated _____

To

