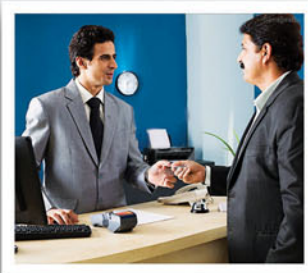


16<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## The Punjab Transparency and Right to *Information* Act 2013

*It allows any citizen of Punjab to get information or copy of record from any government body*

Provincial Departments  
 Attached Departments  
 Autonomous & Semiautonomous Bodies  
 Companies  
 Special Government Institutions  
 NGOs Getting Government Funds



### Public *Information* Officers

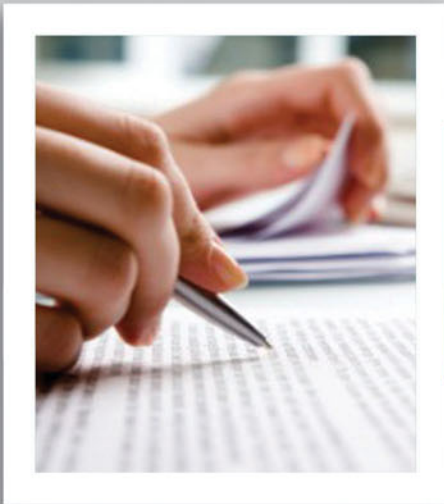
The PIO is bound to provide required information within 14 days.



### *Benefits*

- ▶ Accountability
- ▶ Strengthen Democracy
- ▶ Reinforce the Governance
- ▶ Reduction in Corruption & Irregularities
- ▶ Improvement in Development Schemes
- ▶ Transparency
- ▶ Improved Service Delivery
- ▶ Participation Decision Making





## How to get *Information*?

- ▶ Submit an application to PIO
- ▶ PIO will acknowledge receipt of the application

## What if the *requested information* is not provided?

If PIO refuses to accept application, delays or refuses to provide the information within sixty days of the date of decision

- ▶ “Complaint” against PIO’s decision to the Provincial Information Commission
- ▶ Submit an application of review to the head of respective government body



## Proactive Disclosure of *information*

- 1- Particular functions and duties
- 2- Acts, ordinances, rules & circulars etc.
- 3- Decision-making processes
- 4- A directory of employees
- 5- Budget and actual expenditures
- 6- Detail of subsidies
- 7- Permits or authorizations
- 8- Facilities for obtaining information
- 9- Particulars of the designated PIO
- 10- Information notified in the official Gazette

## Restricted *information*

- National security and public order
- Relation of Pakistan with other countries
- A legitimate privacy interest of a person
- Legally privileged information
- The legitimate commercial interests
- The life or health of a person
- Administration of justice
- Government economy
- Governmental policy making

