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July 06, 2020

1. **Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan
Through the Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan
Supreme Court of Pakistan Building, Constitution Avenue,
Islamabad**
2. **National Assembly Standing Committee on Law and Justice
Through the Chairman,
National Assembly Secretariat, Parliament House,
Islamabad**

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 2017

Dear Sir,

The Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan (PILAP) is a public interest association registered under the laws of Pakistan and is concerned with addressing issues of public interest in accordance to the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. It respectfully submits as under: -

1. That the details of the authorized person on behalf of PILAP are as under: -
2. That please refer to the article attached herewith titled "Pendency of Cases in SC Hits Highest Level in Country's History", published in Express Tribune on 7th February, 2020. The said article draws attention to the vast number of cases currently pending before the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan.
3. That similarly, there are a large number of cases currently pending before the Honourable High Courts of Pakistan, as well as before the Civil and District Courts.

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4. That access to justice is a fundamental right guaranteed by Article 10A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In addition, Article 37 (d) requires the State to ensure inexpensive and expeditious justice. The Constitution, therefore, requires that cases be decided in a timely manner, for “justice delayed is justice denied”.
5. That, in light of the above, PILAP respectfully submits this Application requesting for information under the right granted to all citizens of Pakistan under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 as under: -
 - i) What measures are being taken by the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan and the National Assembly Standing Committee on Law and Justice to ensure that the terms of the National Judicial Policy are being implemented, particularly, the policy objectives on expeditious disposal of cases?
 - ii) What measures are being taken by the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan and the National Assembly Standing Committee on Law and Justice to monitor the progression of cases throughout the court system of Pakistan?
 - iii) What measures are being taken by the Law Commission of Pakistan and the National Assembly Standing Committee on Law and Justice for active case management throughout the court system of Pakistan and to ensure fast disposal of cases?
6. That in the circumstances, PILAP would be grateful for a reply at the earliest.

Thank you.