

23. **Offences.**—(1) Any person who acts wilfully to obstruct the implementation of this Act, including by—

- (a) obstructing access to any information or record with a view to preventing the exercise of a right provided for in this Act;
- (b) obstructing the performance by a public body of a duty under this Act;
- (c) interfering with the work of the Information Commission; or
- (d) destroying a record without lawful authority—

shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand Rupees.

(2) In addition to any other action under any other law for the time being in force, any person who wilfully destroys a record which at the time it was destroyed was the subject of an application for access to information or complaint or otherwise obstructs access to information which is the subject of an application or complaint, with the intention of preventing its disclosure under this Act, commits an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand Rupees or with both.

24. **Indemnity.**—No suit, prosecution or legal proceedings shall lie against the principal officer, designated official or any other person of a public body in respect of anything which in good faith is done or purported to have been done under this Act and the rules made thereunder.

25. **Act to override other laws.**—Without prejudice to the provisions of the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984 (P.O. 10 of 1984), the provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force.

26. **Power to make rules.**—The Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

27. **Power to make regulations.**—The Information Commission may make regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of the rules made under section 26, regarding its internal procedures and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it may make regulations regarding—

- (a) record management standards;
- (b) fee that may be charged for requests; and
- (c) procedure for processing of appeals.

28. **Power to remove difficulty.**—If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Federal Government may make such order, not inconsistent