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MINISTRY OF HOUSING & WORKS

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No.F.6(10)/2012-Admn-I

Islamabad, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

The Hon'ble Chairman,  
Transparency International,  
Head Quarter,  
Germany

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND CORRUPT PRACTICES IN NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WORKS, GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD

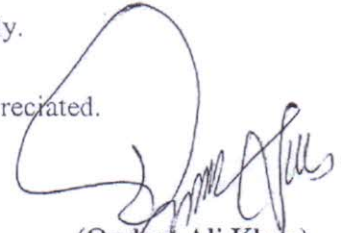
Excellency,

Please find enclosed a copy of Transparency International (TI Chapter Zone) communication No.Asia-Pacific-TI NO1854/05 dated 20.11.2015 on the above noted subject contents of which are self explanatory.

2. Ministry of Housing & Works, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad intends to get the complaint verified from Transparency International Headquarter, Germany as to check its authenticity as well as contents which seem to have been dubious/anonymous. Once the complaint is verified, further action would be taken accordingly.

3. An early action in the matter will be highly appreciated.

4. With Profound Regards.



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**SAY NO TO CORRUPTION**

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January 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

Awareness & Prevention  
Division

Source: Whistle Blower  
By No: 183  
Date: 12/11/16

To: The Secretary,  
Ministry of Housing & Works  
Government of Pakistan  
Islamabad.

Subject: Allegations of Corruption and Corrupt Practices in National Housing Authority (NHA), M/o Housing & Works, Islamabad, Government of Pakistan.

Reference: Transparency International Letter No Asia-paci-TI NO 1854/05 dated 20 Nov, 2015.

Reference Transparency International's above mentioned self explanatory letter (Copy enclosed) wherein the following allegations have been levelled:

- a) The post of DG National Housing Authority is required to be filled on merit basis and the adhoc management may be finished on priority.
- b) Ministry of Housing may play effective role in housing sector to fill the demand-supply gap in the field of housing.
- c) Effective housing policy is required to be formulated to avoid land scams related to land grabbing and china cutting and to save the innocent citizens of the country due to these scams.
- d) It is alleged that DG, National Housing Authority has been involved in the corrupt practices along with his subordinates such as accelerated promotions, minting money and unnecessary trainings.
- e) It is also alleged that DG National Housing Authority is a major player in the APNA GHAR scheme and involved in corrupt practices such as making promises with the private builders for granting contracts in the future projects.
- f) DG National Housing Authority is in possession of assets beyond known sources of income.

Accordingly, it is requested to forward your views in the matter by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for further necessary action.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, please.

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His Excellency, Chairman,  
 National Accountability Bureau, G - 5/1,  
 Islamabad, Pakistan.

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Dated: 20.11.2015

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Sub: Corruptions fights back in National Housing Authority, M/O Housing & Works, Islamabad, Government of Pakistan *17-12-15*

Dear Sir,

Transparency International, the only international non-governmental organization devoted to combat corruption and brings civil society and governments together in a powerful global coalition against corruption and mis-governance.

TI, through its International Secretariat and more than 85 independent regional chapters around the world, works at the national and international level to curb corruption both on supply and demand side, especially in poor countries where meager resources are available to meet abundant ends of sprawling population. In the international arena, TI raises awareness about the damaging effects of corruption, advocates policy reform, works towards the implementation of multilateral international conventions on corruption and subsequently monitors compliance by governments and its subsidiary agencies, corporations and banks. At the regional level chapters work to raise levels of accountability and transparency by monitoring performance of key institutions and pressing for necessary reforms in a non-partisan and non-political manner.

Our Asian Pacific TI chapter has been focusing the political and governance transition in Pakistan for the last couple of months. The government institutions were mostly found in disarray, though looked busy but less responding community's priority needs or to bring tangible results out of their activities. The service delivery in housing sector in Pakistan became topic for the performance monitoring vis-à-vis efforts and resources put to use. Housing is one of the most pressing issues of Pakistan. National Housing Authority in Ministry of Housing & Works Islamabad was taken a sample prime institution mandated with the task of providing housing for low income households of sprawling population. Performance indicators were developed to assess performance of the organization. However there was no comparison of the resources used and performance achieved. The authority was found in disarray and less sensitized to respond modern challenges and millennium's needs for shelter-less population. The institution has run into complete breakdown as it produced no tangible results for the poor countrymen except producing a few fanciful reports filled with rhetoric and pettifoggery.

NHA being a unique institution due to its fascinating mandate, require complete overhauling. Asian Pacific TI chapter, however, feels no change until its Director Mr. Mohammed Irfan who wielded the post of DG & Deputy DG for long spell, illegally, is replaced with an energetic professional. The Authority could not be mobilized to regulate or stir supply of housing scheme for low income groups growing at the faster rate in Pakistan.

The provinces and regions of Pakistan are not capable enough to uptake the gigantic responsibility of filling demand-supply gap rising at geometric speed without federal government support, at least to put an outline of housing policy and build their organizational capacity. After agriculture, Housing & Works is the second most sector absorbing surplus labour. 44 sub-sectors hinge upon the development of housing sector that include cement, steel, wood, transport, brick, paint and mining, sanitary, electric, chemical etc. therefore its economic value should have not been under estimated.



Absence of regulatory body with active policy making gave way to pseudo builders and many developers that resulted into widespread land grabbing and china cutting. Innocent houseless families were deprived of billions of rupees with no protection or relief from the government side. Had there been a catalyst body to put in place research-based housing policy with regulation and control mechanism the predicament would have been pre-empted. NHA, a smart organization with fascinating mandate could provide platform for solution to the predicament.

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During his tenure as Acting Deputy Director General and Director General the Authority touched lowest of its performance. The officer was wholesome engaged in self-aggrandizement of seeking promotion to higher grades, international and in-land trainings and aming money through corrupt practices in collusion of his subordinate staff. He was inducted as new officer in public service, rapidly got promoted out of turn in violation of standard rules of promotion and undergoing prior mandatory length of service and performance.

The officer has the second charge of being focal person of Prime Minister Housing scheme (APPNA GHAR). He, reportedly, is engaged with private firms and developers in clandestine negotiation giving them fake commitment that he will give them contract as per his authority conferred on him by the Prime Minister to lead the project later. He borrowed Anwar Ali from Telephone department and posted him as Director Administration in NHA to assist him in corrupt practices. He made dubious transaction through Anwar Ali, Ali Reza Assistant Director, Mr. Bukhari DD, PS Ghulam Mohammed and DDO concerned in collusion. While abusing their offices Ihsan-ud-din S.O Admin of the ministry in support of Arshad Ahmed Superintendent and Aqcel Ahmed Assistant of the Admin section extended full support and coverage to the officer in his corruption and corrupt practices in consideration of share. As documentarily proved in inquiry he embezzled huge amount in monetization of his car as his family members also kept several official vehicles under use while drawing monetized amount. Before giving charge to the incumbent new DG he made RS 90,0000 out of petty repairs of office furniture etc with the collusion of line officers referred ante.


The officer has been abusing his public office and state authority for personal ends and procured wealth and assets beyond his known means. House of Mohammed Irfan is of more than Rs one billion in addition to his other by-name and benami assets. He and his dependants are in possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, for which he cannot reasonably account of lawful sources. All officers referred have not reflected their assets in annual Assets declarations as reveals from the record. Thus they all committed gross misconduct in furtherance of common criminal intension.

TI suggest fool-proof probe about the officer and accomplices and recoveries made before their retirement. However TI believes that no initiative will be successful unless he is relieved of the present posts and arrested along with incumbents Ihsan-ud-din S.O Admin, Arshad Ahmed Superintendent and Aqcel Ahmed Assistant, employees of the Establishment Division who also made assets beyond known means. The incumbent Secretary and DG have clean reputation therefore high hopes are pinned for overhauling of the organization.

Transparency International INC. Asian Pacific chapter will be monitoring the remedial actions to be taken on part of the Housing ministry and Establishment Division and would bring the performance in Pakistani media as per its mandate to inspire public opinion of the tax payers citizenry toward an accountable, participatory and transparent democratic governance in Pakistan before it is incorporated in the next TI Asian Pacific chapter report 2015 that is in the process of being finalized, and the country rated on this account.

*NOTE: Transparency International Inc. has its website for general information. TI does not receive queries as it maintains its status of facilitator for the uplift of corruption-free world in non-partisan manner.*

Sincerely,

  
David Oklay  
Regional Director