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Subject: - COMPLAINT AGAINST EDO (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) ON THE
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT OF 2 ELEPHANTS.

Refⁿce: Letter Dated: 29 September, 2009.

I am directed to refer to your above letter and have to communicate that the copy of the News Item (received as enclosure) published in Daily Dawn as back as in the month of May 2009, was examined meticulously with reference to the alleged change of species of Elephants and the allegation was found unsubstantiated and baseless. It is confirmed in the news itself that the concerned officer had already given enough clarification on the issue, as referred to by Mr. Bhagwandass in his own statement.

It may, however, be reiterated that the whole process of the case was absolutely fair, unprejudiced and transparent. ~~There was no violation, at all, of Public Procurement Rules-2004. There was no change in specification of Elephants viz characteristic/genus. The only change that had to be made was the source of derivation, which was absolutely un-avoidable in view of the fact that there was/is embargo on the trading of Asian Elephants. Since Asian Elephant was/is globally restricted; hence, CDGK opted for African Elephants(which the lowest bidder offered to supply as an alternative at the same rate), on the recommendations of the Animal Purchase Committee (APC) including experts/prominent Veterinary Advisors/Consultants. Thus the procurement so made was absolutely in accordance with the specification/provision of rules and in the best financial interest of CDGK as well.~~

It may be recalled that there has been persistent demand from Karachites particularly the children for fetching Elephants in Karachi Zoo, which the Zoo was lacking after the death of Anarkali in the year 2006.

The arrival of these Elephants was not only widely welcomed but extensive coverage was also given by each and every TV Channel besides Print Media. With the induction of these elephants in Safari Park, the number of visitors especially families and children has increased significantly, which uplifted the importance of Safari Park. The Children and the families are enjoying with these friendly and playful Elephants.


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