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Subject: Inefficiency in Punjab Information Commission

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan strives hard to curb corruption and to identify corrupt and malfunctioning areas in government departments. TI-Pakistan is very active in the implementation of RTI in Punjab. The aim is to provide transparency in the working of every public authority. The enactment of Punjab Transparency and Right To Information act 2013 shows your commitment towards transparency and accountability in the system.

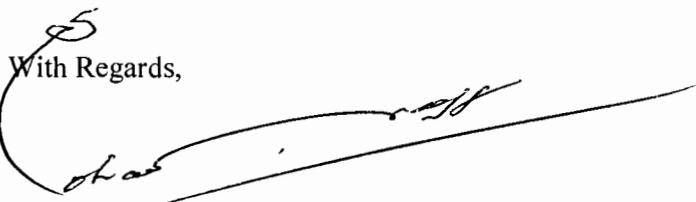
TI-Pakistan has received a number of complaints from Bhakkar that they have sent multiple RTI applications to different government departments to seek information but unfortunately were unable to receive any reply from the concerned authorities. The detailed complaint along with annexure is attached for your ready reference and is self-explanatory. The complainants lodged complaints to Punjab Information Commission but no response was received.

TI-Pakistan visited the website <http://rti.punjab.gov.pk/> to lodge complain against Public Information Officers in different government departments, but unfortunately came to know that the website is not updated since 2014. The data available for year 2013-2014 and after that they have not update it. When TI-Pakistan team called on the given number provided on the website, we learnt that the position of Chief Information Commissioner has been vacant for some time. Presently, the Punjab Information Commission is dormant due to which the citizens are failing to secure access to information from public authorities.

Transparency International Pakistan would greatly appreciate if you would kindly look into this matter, and if found genuine/correct take appropriate action to address this matter.

TI Pakistan is striving to have Rule of Law in Pakistan, which is the only way of eliminating corruption and have good governance in the country.

With Regards,


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Chairman