



**OFFICE OF THE
DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
AFFORESTATION DIVISION
KANDHKOT**

No. C.XVI/- 572 2016-17
Kandhkot dated. 14-04-2017

To,

✓ Transparency International Pakistan,
4-C, 1st Floor, Khayaban-e-Ittehad, Phase VII,
D.H.A, Karachi.

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HELP FOR PREVENTION/
STOPPAGE OF ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENT/GRANT
FORESTLAND OF OF GEEHALPUR II FOREST IN
DEH GEEHALPUR TALUKA KASHMORE BY HAJI
ABDUL RAUF KHOSO, M.P.A (P.S-18 KASHMORE-
II).**

An area of 5029.4 acres was notified as Government Reserved Forestland vide Bombay Government Resolution No. 9253 of 23rd November, 1895. Since its declaration as Reserved Forest, the area remains in peaceful possession of Forest Department.

That on 22.07.1992, all the forests of Taluka Kashmore was reconciled with Revenue Officers in which Geehalpur Forest is marked at S.NO.6.

But, on 12-04-2017, a caravan of some influential persons arrived on site alongwith 5-6 Police Mobiles to carry out demarcation of the area. They were headed by Haji Abdul Rauf Khoso, Member of Provincial Assembly (P.s-18 Kashmore-II Old Jacobabad-VI), Ayaz Ahmed Soomro Assistant Commissioner,

Kashmore, Abdul Hameed Kato, Mukhtiarkar Kashmore and other staff of revenue and police department. Concerned Deputy Superintendent of Police and S.H.O were also present on site.

The persons also brought with them 03 excavator machines for digging earth/sand and bulldozers alongwith plastic tanks full of fuel. The intension was clear that they wanted to encroach upon reserved forest land. Initially they started carrying out demarcation from Revenue land but later they entered forest land and violated Section No. 26 of Forest Act, 1927. They defaced boundaries which is violation of Section No. 63 of Forest Act 1927.

The beat guard present on site approached them but they did not turned to him. Resultantly, the staff informed undersigned about the activities going on the site. The site position was clear that all the activity was going on upon instructions of the MPA Rauf Khoso who intentionally wanted to grab forest land under the shadow of revenue department and Police Department.

The activities continued for next day i.e. 13.04.2017 and 14.04.2017. After measuring around 400 acres land in different compartments, revenue staff left the site and the workers of influential person started constructing earthen bund to establish permanent boundary on measured land. With the help of excavator machines and bulldozers, they are constructing earthen bund and police is providing security to them under the influence of the parliamentarian.

It is strange that the land is notified as forest land around 122 years ago and all of sudden the status of land has changed to revenue and same has been granted to private persons by revenue department. Whereas Honourable Supreme Court has clearly order that; no one is competent to allot/ grant forest land.

The concerned police functionaries are providing round the clock security to the workers of the MPA. These are big questions which need to be enquired.

It is therefore requested that an impartial enquiry may kindly be conducted to check why a member of legislative assembly is himself breaking the law and who authorized Assistant Commissioner to grant state land to his favorites.



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Fwcs:

- The Chief Conservator of Forests Sindh @ Hyderabad.
- Conservator of Forests, Afforestation Circle, Larkana.

Reserved Forestland vide Board's Government Resolution No. 9253 of 23rd November, 1995. Since its declaration as Reserved Forest, the area remains in practical possession of Forest Department.

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