



3rd November, 2016

Muhammad Siddique Memon,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Sindh,
Karachi

Subject: Complaint against KMC for Illegally Changing the Name of Road adjacent to PTV from "Scehzad Khalil Avenue" (since 1991) after 35 years to "Farooqui Avenue" under orders of Sharmila Farooqui

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has received complaint against KMC for Illegally Changing the Name of Road adjacent to PTV from "Scehzad Khalil Avenue" (since 1991) after 35 years to "Farooqui Avenue" under orders of Sharmila Farooqui

The complainant has made following allegations:

That;

1. In November 1991, the side road of PTV Station Karachi Centre was named after the legendry and pride of Pakistan producer Scehzad Khalil who has a long list of drama serials like "Tanhaian" "Teesra Kinara" a most difficult to produced play Nishan- e- Hyder on Rashid Minhas Shaheed and a series of play" Panah" on Afghan issue and various other top quality serials. He is also recipient of civil and International awards.
2. Scehzad Khalil an inscription in marble plate placed on the wall of PTV which carried the name of Scehzad Khalil as well as a brief discretion to the affect that this initiative was taken by the Pakistan Television solidiraty. Now the cemented board placed on 28 November 1991 by the Mr. Badar Zaman Khan, Chairman East. Karachi Metropolitan Corporation on which there was and big inscription that it is Scehzad Khalil Avenue. **Annex-A.**
3. This cemented board has been removed and another board has been placed which is named as Farooqi Avenue Road. This inscription has been supplemented by an inscription of Sharmila Farooqi in the highest esteem. She got changed the name of the road as Farooqi Avenue Road. This is shameful. Sharmila Farooqi is the Minister in the Sindh Govt. For Culture and Tourism. **Annex-B.**
4. On 21 July 2016 , Geo TV reported that National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has written a letter to Election Commission of Pakistan that Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Sharmila Farooqi is accused in a case, therefore, she could not hold public office. The letter, available with Geo News, stated that as per law, Farooqi was ineligible to hold public office or being elected due to the conviction for 21 years with effect from April 28, 2001. After entering into a plea bargain with NAB in 2001, Usman Farooqi, Sharmila Farooqi and her mother were



declared ineligible for any government post or public office for 21 years in the Steel Mill reference.

5. Schezad Khalil was pride of Pakistan. The Govt should restore the original name of the road and Sharmila Shiba should be brought to book.

6. This change of name has infuriated the PTV senior producers as well as well as the juniors and other staff members. If it is not done so they will organize protest not only at Karachi Center but also at Lahore And Islamabad. The associations of PTV officers and unions will take part in it.

The complaint has been examined by Transparency International Pakistan. It is found that the Road was named "Schezad Khalil Avenue" in 1991, and has been changed illegally to "Farooqi Avenue Road" in June 2016. There is no Public Notice issued for the change of name, as required under law by KMC, CDGK or Govt. of Sindh. Schezad Khalil is renowned TV Artist, died at the age of 45, who was also awarded Pride of Performance Award by the President of Pakistan for his services to the nation. Farooqi is an unknown name.

The Chief Secretary Sindh is requested to look into this complaint, and if the complaint is found correct, take action to rename the road to "Schezad Khalil Avenue.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption.

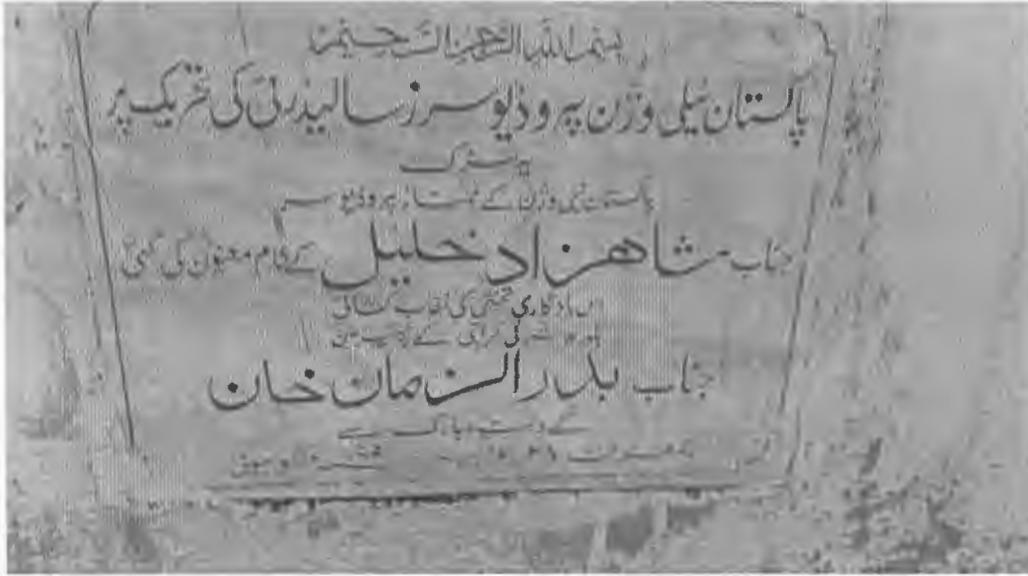
With Regards,

Sohail Muzaffar
Chairman

Copies forwarded for the action under rules to;

1. Secretary to Prime Minister, Islamabad
2. Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi
3. DG, NAB, Karachi.
4. Registrar Supreme Court Pakistan, Islamabad
5. Registrar Sindh Court Karachi

Annex-A



Annex-B

