

Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Commerce

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Islamabad, the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

Subject: ALLEGATIONS OF NEPOTISM IN THE APPOINTMENT OF A NON QUALIFIED PERSON, MR. S.M. MUNEEB AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TDAP, AGAINST THE CRITERIA EXPRESSLY LAID DOWN IN TDAP ACT, 2013

Please refer to the Transparency International-Pakistan's letter No. Nil dated 01-09-2014, on the above subject.

2. Mr. S. M. Muneer has been appointed as Chief Executive, TDAP by the Federal Government in Terms of Section-5 of the TDAP Act, 2013 which is the Act of the Parliament and has been duly assented by the president of Pakistan and thereby a lawful authority. Section-5 of the TDAP, Act, 2013 dealing with the appointment of Chief Executive, provides, inter-alia, as under:-

*"5. Chief Executive:- (1) There shall be a Chief Executive of the Authority who shall be appointed by the Federal Government.*

*(2) The tenure of the Chief Executive shall be three years extendable by the Federal Government. The Chief Executive shall, however, serve at the pleasure of the Federal Government.*

*(3) The Chief Executive shall be a person of high integrity, in full time employment of the authority and shall have relevant professional qualifications, relating to domestic and international trade, expertise, experience and knowledge of local and international markets and with a successful trade record.*

*(4) The chief Executive shall be the principal accounting officer and shall, together with the Secretary, Director General and any other officer nominated by the Board, be responsible for the management of all affairs of the authority and achievement of desired objectives. Subject to the rules made by the authority, the Chief Executive shall be assisted by other sub-ordinate officers and servants in carrying out the functions of the authority. The chief Executive shall report to the Board on all matters including those delegated by him to the sub-ordinate officers in the authority.*

*(5) The Chief Executive shall be paid such remuneration as may be prescribed by the Federal Government".*

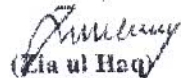
3. Mr. S. M. Muneer has all the requisite qualifications and experience mentioned in Sub-section (3) of Section-5 of TDAP Act, 2013 and his appointment as Chief Executive, TDAP has been duly notified by the Establishment Division, vide its Notification dated 12-03-2014. His appointment is, therefore, lawful and, prima-facie, not in contempt of honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan's verdict.

4. Mr. S. M. Muneer has been appointed as Chief Executive, TDAP by the Federal Government strictly in accordance with Section-5 (1) of the TDAP Act, 2013. He is a prominent industrialist and has remained President of FPCC&I and patron-in-Chief of KATI. He is head of "Din Group of Companies", which is amongst the leading exporting companies of finished leather and different types of value added yeams in Pakistan. The C.V/Bio-data of Mr. S. M. Munir shows the qualification and experience, which are required in sub-section (3) of Section -5 of TDAP Act 2013. The Ministry has not received any complaint against him for alleged nepotism etc.

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5. Mr. S. M. Muneer is, in effect, CE, TDAP and merely a Member, Board of Directors of EPZA and not Director EPZA as mentioned in the letter. Further, his appointment as CE, TDAP is on contract basis in purely honorific capacity without any salary. He is, therefore, not drawing any salary as CE, TDAP and performing his duties 'gratis'. Similarly, he is merely a member of Board of Directors, EPZA in his Ex-officio capacity of CE, TDAP w.e.f. 22-05-2014 vide notification dated 22-05-2014. He is not a Director, EPZA as alleged and he is not getting any salary as member Board of Directors, Export processing Zone Authority. In the circumstances, his position as Chief Executive, TDAP and member of Board of Directors, EPZ is neither in conflict with each other nor against the principle of natural justice nor any sort of burden on the public exchequer.

6. Ms. Rabiya Javeri Agha is a civil servant and has been appointed Secretary' TDAP by the Federal Government under Section-6 of TDAP Act, 2013, vide Notification No F. (511)/E-5 (PAS) dated 5-07-2013. Subsequently, she was assigned the additional charge of Chairperson, EPZA in her own pay and scale until the appointment of a regular incumbent, vide notification No. F. (511)/E-5 (PAS) dated 02-12-2013. Notwithstanding, the Federal Government has already appointed Mr. Aftab Anwar Baloch, a regular incumbent as Chairman, EPZA, relieving Mr. Rabiya Javeri Agha of the additional charge.

  
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**S. M. MUNEER**  
Chief Executive,  
Trade Development Authority of Pakistan

**PERSONAL DATA**

NAME	:	S. M. MUNEER
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