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Ch. Nisar Ali Khan,  
Federal Minister,  
Ministry of Interior,  
Islamabad.

**Sub: Procurement of Security papers by Passport and NADRA from Security  
Papers Limited (SPL)**

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has noticed that Passport department and NADRA has been involved in non core activities of procurement of security papers for passport, certificates, cards etc. There has been allegations of favoritism or non compliance of Public Procurement Rules 2004 in many procurements, like passport paper was delayed for months last year, causing 3-4 months delay in issuance of passports.

A national public sector company was established in Pakistan in 1965 for the very purpose of manufacturing of banknotes, prize bonds, non-judicial stamp paper, share certificates, etc and Watermarked Certificate/ degree papers for various educational institutions of Pakistan, Security Papers Limited (SPL). It is a joint venture company of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan.

State Bank of Pakistan, Pakistan Postal Services and many more have outsourced printing and procurement of banknotes, prize bonds, non-judicial stamp paper to two public sector companies, *Pakistan Security Printing Corporation Ltd* and *Security Papers Limited*, established mainly for ensuring fool proof security, and quality work. TIP understand that the procurement from these two PSEs are being carried out under Public Procurement Rules 2004, with approval from PPRA for either these as proprietary supplies, or exemption granted under PPRA Ordinance Section 21, for national security reason. When SBP is following this practice successfully since decades, MoI may also adopt this.

Transparency International Pakistan request the minister that in the interest of timely supply of these security papers, examine the possibilities of Passport Department and NADRA for the procurement of security papers for passport, certificates, cards etc. from Security Papers Limited (SPL).

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

Your Sincerely,

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Adviser,

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1. Secretary to the Prime Minister, for information of the Prime Minister, Islamabad.
  2. Secretary of Interior, Islamabad
  3. DG NAB (A & P), NAB, Islamabad.
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