



20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Asif,  
Minister for Water and Power,  
Pak Secretariat,  
Islamabad.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reminder**

Sub: News of Ministry to seeks exemption from PPRA Rules and that the Govt. is considering 'direct contracting' to spur investment in power sector.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to TI-Pakistan's letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 (copy enclosed), sent to the Minister for Water and Power, on the cited subject. However no reply has been received till date.

Transparency International Pakistan vide its above mentioned letter highlighted the news report published on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 and has pointed out that Emergency under PPRA Rules does not cover shortage of electricity, which is caused by bad governance and corrupt practices of the government.

TI- Pakistan again requests the Minister detest from asking any exemption or amendment in Public Procurement, 2004, or use direct contracting for Power Projects, and order strict compliance of Public Procurement Rules 2004 in his ministry, so that the projects could be awarded within shortest time, and to the technically best bidder and at the most economical cost.

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 Muzzafar  
Chairman

Copies forwarded for information and appropriate action under the mandate vested, to,

1. Secretary to the Prime Minister, for information of the Prime Minister, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad,
3. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director PPRA, Islamabad.