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16th September,

Altaf Ahmad Chaudhry,
Chairman,
National Highway Authority,
NHA HQ, 27, Mauve Area, G-9/1,
Islamabad.
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Sub: Shershah bridge Collapse-Violation of PPRA Procurement Rules

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan on 5th May 2009, requested the Chairman NHA and Chairman Prime Minister Inquiry Committee, for the copy of the full Inquiry Report with all annexure comprising of over 5000 pages, and same request was also sent to you, as one member of the Inquiry Team had made allegations of tampering with the actual contents of the report as reported in press. But even after 4 months TI Pakistan has not been provided the copy of the Inquiry Report by NHA nor by the Chairman, Prime Minister Inquiry Committee, which adds to the newspaper reports that the inquiry report published was in fact a tempered one. *complaint*

This is a serious matter, and TI Pakistan expects that relevant public accountability organizations viz. Public Accounts Committee, NAB, Auditor General Pakistan and Federal Investigation Agency will take measures to dig out the truth, and make accountable those public office holders may be they are from civil administration or armed forces, who are found responsible for providing a wrong inquiry report to the Nation.

Second issue TI Pakistan wanted NHA to conform was reported on 27th May 2009, which was regarding reported failure of NHA to recover billion of rupees from its Contractor NLC and even from FWO for their default in providing CAR Insurance Polices on almost all NHA projects in last 10 years. The recovery may run into couple of billion rupees. NHA silence confirms that the complain is true.

It has also been reported to TI Pakistan that NHA has awarded 14 major contracts to M/s NESPAK without inviting public tenders, which is in gross violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004 and if allegations are true, all these procurement amounts to Mis-Procurements under Rule 50. TI Pakistan also request NHA to confirm whether this complaint is true or false. Asad Khan, MD Nespak, Islamabad is also member of NHA Board. As member Board and working as contractor is conflict of interest. One can not be owner as well as contractor, under the Law of Pakistan. NHA clarification and violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004 which declares all contracts awarded to NESPAK as mis-procurement, under the Conflict of Interest.

Regards,
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Syed Adil Gilani
Chairman

Copies forwarded for information of,

1. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Prime Minister Inquiry Committee, National Disaster Management Authority.
3. Auditor General Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. Chairman NAB, Islamabad
5. Director General, FIA, Islamabad.