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Sub: Allegations of Illegal postings of Heads of PQA, PNSC, GPA and JS MoP&S and DGP&S in the second week of February which are in violation of rules.

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan refers to the report published in Dawn of 18th March 2013, alleging that Establishment Division has declared appointment/posting/promotions of Illegal postings of Chairmen of PQA, PNSC, GPA and Joint Secretary MoP&S and DGP&S in the second week of February in violation of rules, and that the establishment division has stopped five senior officials from working on their new positions. **Annex-A.**

Following serious violations of Rules have been charged by the Establishment Division;

1. Before his transfer to the PNSC, Admiral (retd) Mohammad Shafi was working as chairman of the PQA.
2. He replaced Vice Admiral (retd) Saleem A. Meenai who was appointed as director general of the Ports and Shipping Wing.
3. Vice Admiral (retd) Azhar Shamim was transferred from the position of director general of the Ports and Shipping Wing to the GPA as its new chairman.
4. Brig (retd) Mohammad Saeed Khan was working as director general of the PQA before his transfer to the post of chairman of the authority.
5. Dr Syed Pervaiz Abbas was chairman of the GPA before his new assignment as joint secretary at the ministry.
6. In its letter, the establishment division specifically mentioned that appointment on the posts could be made only by the competent authority (secretary of establishment division).
7. The transferred officials were informed that any action on their part without prior notification by the division would be illegal.
8. Referring to the government's rule OM No 6/2/2000-R-III, the letter said that appointments of heads of organisations were required to be processed through the establishment division but the procedure had not been followed.

The Secretary is informed that the rules are very clear, and following rule shall have been observed, prior to post the 5 officers by the Ministry of Post & Shipping;




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Consultation with Establishment Division in matters relating to appointments, promotions, deputations etc. - In accordance with Rule 11 of Rules of Business, "no Division shall, without previous consultation with the Establishment Division, issue or authorise the issue of any orders which involve a change in the terms and conditions of service of federal civil servants". This provision in the Rules makes it obligatory for the Ministries/Divisions to consult the Establishment Division, in matters relating to appointment, deputation of civil servants, to any autonomous body or corporation.

Transparency International Pakistan request that if the news is correct and rules have been violated, then urgent actions shall be taken to rectify the alleged irregularities. Many high profile disputed procurements of billion of dollars in many of these departments are being challenged by NAB, private parties, TIP and many other agencies, and reports are there that further irregularities being committed by the new heads, which are deemed to be illegal in light of the establishment division orders, as the **establishment division has stopped five senior officials from working on their new positions, all actin taken.**

TI Pakistan is striving to have transparency in procedures and Rule of Law in Pakistan, which is the only way to eliminate corruption and have good governance in country.

Yours Sincerely,


Syed Adil Gilani
Adviser

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1. Chairman NAB, Islamabad
2. Federal Tax Ombudsman, Islamabad
3. Auditor General Pakistan, Islamabad
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
5. MD, PPRA, Islamabad

5 officials barred from working on new posts

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD, March 17: Taking notice of what it has termed objectionable postings and transfers ordered by a former ports and shipping minister — Babar Ghouri of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) — the establishment division has stopped five senior officials from working on their new positions.

In a letter dated March 15, the establishment division asked the auditor general to ensure that no financial disbursements were made on the orders relating to the transferred officials.

According to the letter available with *Dawn*, chairmen of the Pakistani National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), the Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) and the Port Qasim Authority (PQA), director general of the Ports and Shipping Wing, and a joint secretary of the ministry were changed in the second week of February in violation of rules.

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Referring to the government's rule OM No 6/2/2000-R-III, the letter said that appointments of heads of organisations were required to be processed through the establishment division but the procedure had not been followed.

It said the establishment division had therefore informed the ministry that the transfers had been made in "utter disregard of law/ rules".

"In view thereof, the ministry is required to move individual cases, if so warranted, of transfers/posting/appointments on above positions through the establishment division for proper scrutiny and examination in accordance with law," the letter said.

Despite repeated attempts, Mr Ghouri could not be reached for comments.