



3. Page 3 of the inquiry report contains the names of the other members of the IT, which is missing from the IR declared on the website.
4. According to the report of News International dated 3 March 2008, the PMIC inquiry committee comprised of Prof. Dr Sahibzada Farooq Ahmed Raffiqui, Farooq A Chaudhry, Zafar Razzak (late), Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi, Farrukh Hassan Pasha, Munir Ahmed Rana and a lawyer, whose name was not disclosed. These 6 mentioned on Page 1 of the IT Report do not include name of Farooq A Chaudhry, who in the Committee was the only Design Engineer with practical experience as a bridge designer and supervision consultant. ?
5. The RCC core test results reported in section 7.2.2 on page 47 states that " For concrete strength, however, split results are reported, where strength from core are much lower than the desired strength. In spite of the deficiency found by IT, the report has not blamed Contractor, M/s NLC. Instead, the report in section 7.2.3 has tried to exonerate contractors deficiency by stating " As is evident from the report that diameters of cores were smaller than specified in ASTM C-42 and that the core drilling machine was producing vibrations during drilling, both these factors contributed towards the low strength indicated by core tests. These remarks cast doubts on the technical abilities of the IT members on the core testing procedures, as the tests were performed under supervision of the IT members, and in the NED University Lab. Why and under whose orders correct size of core samples were not obtained by the IT?.
6. Though the TOR for IT was also to make recommendations for avoiding such tragedies in future, why the report does not contain fruitful and concrete recommendations for avoiding such accidents in future.
7. In fact the Committee members seems to be ignorant of the Tendering Rules, Public Procurement Rules 2004. The statement on page 57 confirms lack of knowledge of the Committee Members on the procurement laws in Pakistan " Bidding Process.- Process of bidding should be reviewed in the light of best value procurement system, instead of the existing system and no hiring of contractors or consultants should be allowed without competitive bidding".
8. Provide a copy of the full Inquiry Report with all annexure comprising of over 5000 pages.
9. The reasons of 2 members of the committee not signing the report, nor absence of name of Mr. Farooq A Chaudhry as IT member, has not been declared by you, nor is clarified in the report. Did the remaining 2 members and Mr. Farooq A Chaudhry refused to take part in the inquiry, or refused to sign the IR or were they removed from the Committee.



10. Has the Inquiry Report Confirmed that the Contactor has taken out the Insurance Policy and the cost of reconstruction is being paid by the Insurance Company, and not by the Government of Pakistan. According to the Contract Agreement Signed between NHA and NLC, Under Clause 21.2, insurance for Cost of Contract plus 15% shall be taken out by NLC in the joint names of the Contractor and the Employer and shall cover the Employer and the Contractor against all loss or damage from whatsoever cause arising.
11. It has been reported that in the case of reconstruction of Coastal Highway the Contractor had defaulted on the Insurance Policy Clause, and tens of millions of rupees were paid by the Government of Pakistan and not the Insurance Company. TI Pakistan also request NHA to implement in letter and spirit Public Procurement Rules 2004, and PEC Standard Bidding Documents even on NLC, FWO and NESPAK, which are mandatory requirements under PPRA Ordinance.

We request you Sir, to kindly ask Chairman NHA to provide the above information to Transparency International Pakistan.

Regards,



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Chairman

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1. Minister of Communication, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad.
3. Chairman NHA, Islamabad.