



STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN
SBP Banking Services Corporation
General Services Department
Head Office

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M/s. Transparency International Pakistan
5-C, 2nd floor, Khayaban-e-Itehad
Phase VII, Defence Housing Authority
Karachi

Dear Sirs,

PURCHASE OF BULLET PROOF VEHICLE FOR SBP

Please refer to your letter dated 8th May, 2013 on the captioned subject.

Having reviewed the contents of your letter and to place on record the factual position relating to procurement of Bullet-Proof Vehicle please be advised that:

1. Mr. Yasceen Anwar was appointed as Governor for a term of three years, by the President of Pakistan vide Ministry of Finance, GoP Notification dated 19-10-2011. As such he is not Acting Governor as mentioned in your letter under reference.
2. Different security agencies and the Internal Bank Security Department have credible intelligence reports relating to threat to the security of the Governor, particularly during the course of his movement, in wake of the enhanced security in past several months due to state of high alert and threat, besides the critical law and order situation prevailing at Karachi. Accordingly, the Minister of Finance and Ministry of Interior have recommended and cleared for the purchase/import of a bullet proof vehicle for the use of Governor SBP.

Kindly note that the afore-mentioned vehicle is not for personal use of Mr. Yasceen Anwar, but has been ordered for use of the Governor SBP, whosoever, it may be.

3. Central Board of SBP approved the procurement budget of the vehicle up to Rs.40 million. Hence, the purported claim in your letter of a vehicle costing Rs.0.4 billion (Rs.40 crores) is not correct.
4. Public Procurement Rules 2004 are being followed for the procurement and we underscore that SBP strictly conforms to all rules and regulations as a Regulator.

We hope that above facts clarify the position of SBP.

Regards


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Assistant Director