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The Secretary,
Culture, Tourism, Antiquities & Archives Department,
Government of Sindh,
Karachi.

Subject: Complaint against Allegations of Indiscriminate Demolition of Urban Historic Architecture in Karachi in Violation of Sindh Cultural Heritage Preservation Act 1994.

Dear Sir,

TI Pakistan refers to its letter dated 27th December, 2023 TIP23/1227/2A on the subject of 'Indiscriminate Demolition of Urban Historic Architecture in Karachi in Violation of Sindh Cultural Heritage Preservation Act 1994' addressed to the Care taker Chief Minister Sindh.

The matter is of utmost importance as it relates to Sindh Cultural Heritage Preservation Act 1994 which mandates and notifies buildings to be preserved for the benefit of future generations.

On TI Pakistan letter, Chief Minister's Office vide Letter No. SO (IX)/CMS/CMD/CTA&AD/2024/2307 dated 5th January, 2024 addressed to your office (Secretary Culture, Tourism, Antiquities & Archives Department, Government of Sindh) to furnish comments on the matter within three (03) days at the earliest (ANNEX-A).

You are requested to send a copy of the comments/ response sent to CM office for TI Pakistan information on the matter.

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

Regards,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not the complainant. It acts as whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in his landmark judgment in case of Ataulah Malik v. Federation of Pakistan includes following order;

Right to information is another corrective tool which allows public access to the working and decision making of the public authorities. It opens the working of public administration to public scrutiny. This necessitates transparent and structured exercise of discretion by the public functionaries. Article 19-A empowers the civil society of this country to seek information from public institutions and hold them answerable. PLD 2010 Lahore 605.

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