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TI Pakistan Report: State of Implementation of Proactive Disclosure Provision under Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan would like to draw your attention towards its recently released report on the State of Implementation of Proactive Disclosure Provision under Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016. The copy of the report is attached for your reference.

The report examines the implementation of the provision of proactive disclosure i.e. Section 6(1) of Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016 through the assessment of the websites of 30 public departments working under the Government of Sindh. Clause 6(2) of Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016 requires Public Bodies to "disseminate all information as widely as possible including the internet where possible so that all citizens have easy access to it". However, our assessment shows that the official websites of different departments of Government of Sindh have disclosed only little information.


TI Pakistan acknowledges the fact that Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016 is a landmark legislation and a step towards transparency and social accountability. For years, TI Pakistan has been striving for the enactment of RTI laws in Pakistan. Now that the law has been enacted, it is imperative that it is also effectively implemented so that the citizens are able to exercise their right to information. This will also assist the government in being transparent, thus curbing corruption in the province.

Most important is that this report also identifies huge gaps in terms of implementation and suggests that the Chief Minister may issue directive for strict implementation of RTI law.

It is hoped that the Government of Sindh will positively consider the recommendations presented in the report and ensure that the departments comply with the proactive disclosure provision of Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to eradicate corruption.

With Regards,


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