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Director General,
National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Karachi,
Karachi.

Sub: Complaint against Director Agriculture Sindh in the Mis-Use of Authorities of the Subsidy of Rs.200,000- Rs.300,000, on Each Tractor Given to Farmers by Government of Sindh in Distribution of 1600 Tractors.

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has received a complaint against Director Agriculture, Sindh of the mis-use of authorities of pocketing the subsidy of Rs.200,000- Rs.300,000 on each tractor given to farmers by Government of Sindh in distribution of 300-500 tractors out of 1600 tractors (Copy Enclosed).

The complainant has made following allegations;

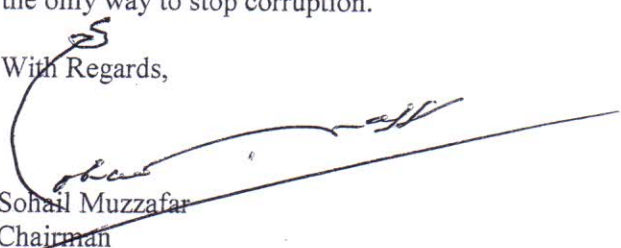
1. In the Sindh Benazir Tractor Scheme, 2015, Rs.200,000- Rs.300,000 subsidy on 1600 tractors has been given to farmers.
2. Most of the tractor distributed is Eastern Europe make, Bull Power IMT Tractor.
3. The corrupt elements have under the conspiracy prepared a cartel of more than 400 farmers who applied for that particular tractor to the Sindh Bank. The Bank based on the application and formalities of attestation in verification of CNIC, issued the required approval, and then forwarded to Director Agriculture Sindh Department.
4. Director Agriculture Sindh Department on fake sale invoices of the tractor supplied by manufacturer, sold the tractors to the farmers on paper and claimed the subsidy from Sindh Bank.
5. The proceeds from such fake claims were distributed amongst the Agriculture Department and Tractor Company.
6. If all 1600 applications for tractor subsidy are verified from farmers, it will be noted that many farmers never applied for this scheme. The fake purchasers can thus be exposed, as they do not have tractors at all.

More than Rs.100 Billion have been embezzled by this corrupt practices.

Director General, NAB is requested to kindly examine the complaint and if the allegations are found correct NAB take necessary action against all those officers involved in corrupt practices.

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

With Regards,


Sohail Muzaffar
Chairman

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chief Minister, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
2. Chief Justice, Sindh High Court, Karachi
3. Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
4. Managing Director, SPPRA, Karachi.

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Sindh growers challenge transparency of tractor scheme

our correspondent

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HYDERABAD: Sindh growers have raised serious objections over the transparency of the government launched subsidised tractor scheme and demanded to make the process easier so the growers can take benefit.

Chamber of Agriculture Sindh, in a statement issued on Monday, suggested the provincial government to give authority to another bank instead of Sindh Bank to provide 1600 tractors to growers on subsidized prices fixed by the government.

Secretary General of the Chamber of Agriculture Nabi Bakhsh Sathio appealed to the Sindh Chief Minister and said it is quite difficult for eligible growers to get subsidized tractors through Sindh Bank, as it has made the process cumbersome, adding that the government should make the process easy and transfer the scheme to the another bank in the province.

He alleged that it seems as if the tractor scheme is being run by 'mafias' and growers are unable to get the tractors through legal process. "The agriculture mafia is depriving landlords of their rights of subsidy and entire amount is being embezzled in connivance with the bank management," he added.

Previously such schemes were launched through Chief Minister House for three consecutive years in the presence of government officials and landlords by another bank through transparent draw and the beneficiaries had never raised objections, Sathio said, but now ever since the Sindh Bank took authority, the scheme is running through documents and advertisements alone and no benefits are being provided to the growers.

"Not a single subsidized tractor has been given practically to the eligible landlords," he alleged.

The chamber leader said when the bank's advertisement appeared in newspapers on March 13 and landlords reached the bank on a working day for getting forms for subsidized tractors, they were told that the bank does not have forms.

Sathio said after receiving complaints by growers, I personally approached Tando Muhammad Khan city branches, where I was told that the banks could not receive forms from head office. The bank officials said they have received information from head office that all the forms for tractor scheme have already been distributed to the landlords.

The chamber demanded investigation into the matter and the transfer of scheme to any other bank that makes sure the forms are available with all branches and allow landlords one-month time for collection and submission of forms for tractor scheme so that they can get clearance from revenue department and make pay order of Rs25000 on time.

He also objected that how could it be possible that all forms for 1600 tractors have been issued on the very first day and said if the government probes this process the fraud in this scheme would be revealed.

He also appealed to the provincial government to see affairs of the banking system, as there are reports that landlords, who sell wheat with Food Department, are being forced to open accounts with Sindh Bank for payment of procurement of wheat through bank branches.

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