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Mr. Mumtaz Ali Shah,
Chief Secretary
Government of Sindh
Sindh Secretariat
Karachi

Sub: Compliant on the Allegation of Reclaiming Malir River bed by Massive Dumping of Garbage and Solid Waste on the Alignment of Malir Expressway

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has received a complaint on the Allegation of reclaiming Malir River bed by massive dumping of garbage and solid waste on the Alignment of Malir Expressway by the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board, Government of Sindh.

The complainant has made the following allegations;

That,

1. Since last few months, the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board, Government of Sindh has been dumping the garbage and solid waste in Malir River Bed in an area of Malir Expressway between 2-7 kilometers from Creek Club, DHA adjacent to Manzoor Colony. Photos of the site are enclosed as **(Annex-A)**.
2. The Malir River Bed is being filled by garbage dumping by the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board is only for the purpose of illegal land grabbing, falls under the proposed route for the construction of Malir Expressway to be built along the Malir River, bank.
3. The Sindh Solid Waste Management Board has reclaimed an area of between 100 acres to 200 acres, which may be allotted to builder mafia in future.
4. This organized land grabbing shall, be stopped, as it is also polluting the environment of the area, and causing shortening the width of Malir River Bed which will endanger flooding in case of heavy rains.

Transparency International Pakistan Comments and recommendations are given below.

A. Based on the pictorial evidence and confirmations by Mr. Saleem Hassan Wattoo, Cantonment Executive Officer Cantonment Board Clifton that CBC is not dumping this garbage, prima facie the allegations seem to be correct.



B. Over about 2000 acres of Malir River Bed Land (1100 acres, 341 acres, and 530 acres) which was illegally allotted to builders by the Govt. of Sindh was got cancelled in 2014/15 by efforts of Transparency International Pakistan and the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

C. The Chief Secretary Sindh is requested to take action to stop the SSWMB from using the bed for Malir River as garbage dumping site, and take action against all those responsible under NAO 1999.

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

With Regards

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Vice Chair,
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. PSPM, PM House, Islamabad
2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad
3. Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi
4. MD SSWMB, Sindh, Karachi (being sent under the MoU signed between SSWMB and TI Pakistan)
5. Registrar Sindh High Court, Karachi, with request to include this in H.R.C.22978-S/2014 and H.R.C.13058-S/2015 (Regarding Land Grabbing Mangrove Delta of Malir River in DHA, Karachi)

Annex-A



