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January 29, 2025

TL2025/0129/1A

Mr. Bashir Ahmed Bazai
Secretary, Energy Department
Government of Balochistan
Quetta

Subject: Transparency International Pakistan's Recommendations on Uploading Updated Information on the Website of Energy Department, Government of Balochistan, as per Article 19A of the Constitution of Pakistan, The Balochistan Right to Information Act 2021 and Supreme Court of Pakistan Judgement in CP No. 3532/2023

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan refers to its letter No. TL2024/1206/8A dated 6th December 2024, addressed to the Chief Minister of Balochistan and copied sent to your office (Annex-A).

The Secretary Energy has directed HR/IT/M&E vide its letter No. ED/SO(Admin)6-1/2024/1974-75 dated 16th December 2024 to implement the recommendations of TI Pakistan for updated the website of the Energy Department Balochistan in compliance with The Balochistan Right To Information Act, 2021, Section 5, Publication and Availability of Records, which mandates provincial departments to proactively disclose information on their websites (Annex-B).

TI Pakistan now refers to the Energy Department Balochistan letter No. ED/SO(Admin)6-1/2024/2066-67, received by TI Pakistan on 22 January 2025, enclosing the letter from Balochistan Energy Company Limited (Annex-C). TI Pakistan requests the Secretary Energy to issue directives for the provision of the information to the Science and Information Technology Department for uploading on the website of the Energy Department.

Transparency International Pakistan remains available for any technical assistance the department may require, to implement the recommendations.

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

With Regards,

Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Chief Minister, Government of Balochistan, Quetta
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta
3. Chief Information Commissioner, Balochistan Right to Information Commission, Quetta.



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Annex-A

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December 06, 2024

TL2024/1206/8A

Mr. Sarfraz Bugti,
Chief Minister of Balochistan,
CM House, Quetta.

Subject: Transparency International Pakistan's Recommendations on Uploading Updated Information on the Website of Energy Department, Government of Balochistan, Ensuring Citizens' Access to Climate Data as per Article 19A of the Constitution of Pakistan, The Balochistan Right to Information Act 2021 and Supreme Court of Pakistan Judgement in CP No. 3532/2023

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan would like to draw your attention to its recently released report titled "State of Data Disclosure of Climate-Related Departments as per Access to Information Laws". The full report is available at: <https://transparency.org.pk/PUBLICATION/State-of-Data-Disclosure-under-Access-to-Information-Laws-by-Climate-Related-Departments-in-Pakistan-October-2024.pdf>. One of the departments included in this assessment is the Energy Department, Government of Balochistan, which has an overall poor average score of just 19%. **(Annex A & B).**

Climate-related departments have a central role in climate action in the province. Access to updated information ensures the effective implementation of climate strategies, stakeholders' participation, and a coordinated response. It builds trust among the local communities disproportionately affected by climate change, enhances transparency, and encourages confidence among international institutions, necessary for effective access to much-needed climate finance.

The honorable Chief Minister is requested to issue directives for compliance with The Balochistan Right To Information Act, 2021, **Section 5, Publication and Availability of Records** which mandates provincial departments to proactively disclose information on their websites. It is also a mandatory obligation on public bodies under Article 19-A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as well as the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan's judgment dated 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, which declared that;

"What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution"

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With Regards,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
2. Secretary, Energy Department, Quetta.
3. Chief Information Commissioner, Balochistan Right to Information Commission, Quetta.



✓ To,

The Secretary
Energy Department, Government of Balochistan
Quetta.

Attention: Mr. Irfan Ali, Section Officer (Admin:)

SUBJECT: TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL PAKISTAN'S RECOMMENDATION ON UPLOADING UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF ENERGY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BALUCHISTAN, ENSURING CITIZEN'S ACCESS TO CLIMATE DATA AS PER ARTICLE 19A OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN, THE BALUCHISTAN RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2021 AND SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN JUDGEMENT IN CP NO. 3532/2023

The undersigned is directed to refer your letter No. ED/SO(Admin:)-1/2024/1974-75 dated 16th December: 2024 on the subject cited above and to say that Science and Information Technology Department GoB is developed and maintaining the website (<https://energy.balochistan.gov.pk>) of Energy Department which is referred by the Transparency International Pakistan in Annexure-B of its letter No. TL2024/1206/8A.

The Energy Department, however may provide all required information to the Science and Information Technology Department for uploading and publicly available which is referred by the Transparency International Pakistan in its above-mentioned letter and enclosed annexure-B in order to the compliance of Article 19A of the constitution of Pakistan, the Balochistan Right to Information act 2021 and Supreme court of Pakistan judgement in CP NO. 3532/2023.

P.O. TO SECRETARY
ENERGY DEPARTMENT
Diary No. 2792
Dated: 20/12/2024

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OFFICIAL SECRETARY
ENERGY DEPARTMENT
Diary No. 2303
Dated: 24-12-24

Annex-C



No. ED/SO(Admn:)/6-1/2024/ **2066-67**
GOVERNMENT OF BALUCHISTAN
ENERGY DEPARTMENT
Our Faith, Corruption Free Pakistan
Dated: Quetta the 26th December, 2024.

To.

✓ Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar.
Trustee/ Legal Advisor,
Transparency International Pakistan.

SUBJECT: - TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL PAKISTAN'S RECOMMENDATION ON UPLOADING UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF ENERGY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BALUCHISTAN, ENSURING CITIZENS' ACCESS TO CLIMATE DATA AS PER ARTICLE 19A OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN, THE BALUCHISTAN RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2021 AND SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN JUDGMENT IN CP NO. 3532/2023.

The undersigned is directed to your letter No.TL2024/1206/8A dated 06th December 2024 and to enclose herewith a copy of letter No.BECI/IT/2024/12/1472 dated 20th December 2024, received from the Balochistan Energy Company Limited, Quetta, being self-explanatory on the subject cited above as desired, please.

(IRFAN ALI)
Section Officer (Admn.)

Copy to:

1. P.S to Government of Balochistan Secretary Energy Department, Quetta.
2. Master File.