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To

1. S. Parkash Singh Badal,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab,
Chandigarh.
2. Sh. Parminder Singh Dhindsa,
Minister PWD (B&R),
Chandigarh.
3. The Secretary PWD (B&R),
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9,
Chandigarh.
4. Sh. Manpreet Singh Badal,
Finance Minister Punjab,
Chandigarh.
5. DGP Bureau of Vigilance Punjab,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

For immediate enquiry

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Subject:- Increasing Corruption in PWD (B&R) Department.

Respected Sir,

Govt. has already accepted the fact in newspapers that there is large scale corruption in this department and Govt. is taking steps to check it by deputing a third agency on quality control of road works. The fact is that with the coming of new government could be due to in experienced minister, the corruption in the department has increased manifold with no fears at any level and nexus in the department is getting its roots deeper and has openly entered in world bank loan schemes also. Department is preferring local contractors and favouring them allowing sub standard works, playing with huge money percentage.

We were told at the time of issue of tenders that material from local crushers being sub standard shall not be allowed to be used and cone crusher has to be installed and is a 1st requirement. We did not apply for the tenders on this account since cone crusher and its running is too costly. But it is surprising that local crusher materials are being approved by XEN's and used on those works. If this was to be allowed to be used, then rate could have been much less than tenders allotted and we would have also got the tenders issued and competed.

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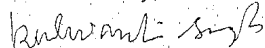
Sirhind Patiala Road is approved under World Bank Loan Scheme and work has been started with sub standard materials stone Bajri etc. Everybody knows that the stone material Bajri etc. being produced at the existing stone crushers is sub standard and world bank had put a condition in the agreement that imported cone crusher material only be used. The department relaxed it slightly to exploit it to the interest of its officers, wherever they strike the deal. No material being prepared at existing Chandi Mandir and Bharatgarh Stone crushers confirms to World Bank/standard. On this work, round and overgauge aggregate not confirming to the specifications is being used striking a deal with the departmental officers. Practically also, the proper quality work can not be done at a speed, this work is being done to cover substandard work involving embezzlement fast, where Patch Work as per agreement is not being provided. There is no cone crusher at Chandi Mandir/ Bharatgarh quarry which could provide proper quality material and supply to this work, similar is the position on other work i.e. Sirhind Chunni Chandigarh road.

The Executive Engineer in charge Mr. Brar is himself doing road construction business through his relatives with Mr. Singla contractor as has been done by this firm as unwritten sub contractor in the name of Rajinder & Co. for roads in refinery campus at Bathinda a few years back. He has now brought his own contractor Mr. Singla from Bathinda for this work under a preplanned scheme in connivance with senior officers of PRBDB and got him posted here after work is got allotted to Mr. Singla.

We would request that a person from outside the present incumbents be deputed and third agency other than present consultant is engaged to investigate the facts for this work and others under this XEN, where material collected at hot mix plant site and that being used is sub standard resulting is poor quality work causing loss to the state.

Thanks in advance,

Yours Sincerely,



For Contractors of District Patiala.