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Dated: 16th July, 2021

**The Cantonment Executive Officer,
Cantonment Board Clifton
CC-38, 10th Street,
Khayaban-e-Rahat, Phase VI, DHA,
Karachi.**

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 2017

Dear Sir,

The Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan (PILAP) is a public interest association concerned with the primary objective of enabling the citizens of Pakistan to attain the realization of their civil, human, economic, social and political rights, as guaranteed by the Fundamental Rights laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan. PILAP addresses matters of public interest by means of advocacy and by seeking redress for the people of Pakistan through the justice system. It respectfully submits as under:

1. That we seek information on the Occupational Health and Safety measures implemented by CBC for the health and safety of sanitary workers and janitorial staff employed, either directly by CBC or through contracting companies, to maintain CBC's sanitary conditions.
2. That while the order of the Honourable Sindh High Court ordering that all sanitary workers be paid minimum wage is laudable, it must be pointed out that the working conditions of sanitary workers are not ideal. A number of them have lost their lives while cleaning sewers and it continues to be a dangerous occupation.
3. That the risk of death and injury posed to sanitary workers due to the nature of the occupation and in the absence of Occupational Health and Safety measures is contrary to the Fundamental Rights of such workers. It is a breach of Article 9 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right of life and liberty to all citizens.
4. That, in view of the above, PILAP respectfully submits this application under the right granted by the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 and Article 19A of the Constitution as under:

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- i) What, if any, rules and regulations have been enacted for the Occupational Health and Safety of sanitary workers and janitorial staff who keep the CBC area clean?
- ii) What, if any, training is provided by CBC to sanitary workers and janitorial staff, to ensure their good health and safety while engaged in their jobs?
- iii) What practical steps are taken by CBC to ensure the good health and safety of sanitary workers and janitorial staff within the jurisdiction of CBC?

5. That in the circumstances, PILAP would be grateful for a reply at the earliest.

Thank you.

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