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Dated: 10 July, 2020

**The Mayor,  
Metropolitan Corporation of Islamabad  
Mayor's Office (Old Naval Headquarters), G-6,  
Islamabad**

**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 registered under the laws of Pakistan and is concerned with addressing issues of public interest in accordance with the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. It respectfully submits as under: -

1. That the details of the authorized person on behalf of PILAP are as under:
2. That PILAP is aggrieved of the non-provision of PPE equipment to the sanitary workers employed by the Municipal Corporation of Islamabad (MCI), Directorate of Water and Sewage Development. Please refer to the attached news article, published in the Express Tribune on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, titled "IMC Sanitary Workers Exposed to Virus", that brings this issue to light.
3. That MCI owes a duty of care not only to its esteemed sanitary workers but also to the citizens of the Capital Territory. In this regard, providing MCI's sanitary workers with PPE equipment would safeguard not only the sanitary workers themselves against the Covid-19 virus but also the people of Islamabad, given the ability of the virus to spread rapidly. Door-to-door garbage collection and emptying public trash bins is a high-risk job in terms of coming into contact with the virus. The pandemic caused by the virus is a global public health crisis. By not taking precautionary steps

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in non-provision of PPE equipment to all sanitary workers, whether employed by MCI or those working under private contractors, MCI is further contributing to this crisis.

4. That, in view of the above, PILAP respectfully submits this Application under the right granted to all citizens of Pakistan under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 as under:
  - i) What measures, if any, have been taken or are planned to be taken by MCI to ensure equal treatment amongst all its employees, including its sanitary workers, particularly with regard to provision of PPE equipment as protection against the Covid-19 virus?
  - ii) What is the reasoning behind the non-provision of PPE equipment, thus far, to all sanitary workers in Islamabad, whether employed by MCI or private contractors?
  
5. That in the circumstances, PILAP would be grateful for a reply at the earliest.

Thank you.

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