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**SUB: TENDER OF CONSTRUCTION AND PROCUREMENT**

Dear Dasho(s),

Construction absorbs large portion of the Royal Government's budget. Global experiences establish that at least 25% - 30% of annual budget is lost in corruption. Estimates from the annual budgets of 2004/05 and 2005/06 indicate that more than 50% of our budget goes into construction. Bhutan is a small country and cannot afford to loose our limited resources to corruption. Further, there is a general concern and disquiet over corruption in this vulnerable area. We need to double our efforts in making tendering procedures robust and transparent and put in place stringent accountability measures.

As a first step towards improving the system, we wish to gather information on the tendered amount and the corresponding actual expenditures on completion and reasons for deviation of all major constructions completed or near completion in the Ninth Plan from agencies which have major construction works. We shall appreciate if the information could be sent to us by October 30, 2006. A format is designed to facilitate the process.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support and cooperation in our modest efforts towards preventing corruption.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Neten Zangmo)  
Chairperson

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