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International Pakistan**5 C, 2nd Floor, Khy-e-Ittehad, Phase VII,
DHA, Karachi**Friday 22 September 2006****Pakistan National Corruption Perception Survey 2006.**

Transparency International would like to clarify the results of its National Corruption Perception Survey-2006, released on 11th August 2006, in order to remove the confusion arising due to the misreporting in a section of the media.

National Corruption Perception Survey-2006 comprises of questions asked from 4000 respondents spread over the four provinces. Two separate questions were asked from the respondents on their opinion on the most corrupt governments.

The first question is related to the four different periods/governments from 1988 to 1999, comprising of Mr. Nawaz Sharif and Ms. Benazir. The question and results are tabulated below.

Q. In Pakistan Which Govt. was/is most Corrupt?

Nawaz Sharif	96-99	34.00 %
Benazir	93-96	48.00 %
Nawaz Sharif	90-93	10.00 %
Benazir	88-90	08.00 %

The above results shows that the first period of both Ms. Benazir and Mr. Nawaz Sharif was less corrupt than their second period. Out of 4000 respondents, 8% ranked Ms. Benazir first period as the most corrupt, and 48% respondents ranked Ms. Benazir second period as the most corrupt, i.e. corruption increased six times. 10% of the respondents ranked Mr. Nawaz Sharif first period as the most corrupt, and 34% respondents ranked Ms. Nawaz Sharif second period as the most corrupt period, i.e. corruption increased by 3-1/2 times.

The second question was from the same 4000 respondents required for comparison of the two terms of the present government of President Musharaf. The response is given below.

Q. What about the present Govt.

President Musharaf	99-02	32.69 %
President Musharaf	02-06	67.31 %

The above results also shows that the first period of President Musharraf caretaker government was less corrupt than his second period. Out of the 4000 respondents, 32.69% ranked his first period the was the more corrupt, and 67.31% ranked his second period as the most corrupt, i.e. the corruption in the second period doubled.

The above two results shows that corruption in the first period of all the three governments was less than their respective second period, and also that the increased in corruption in the second period was the least in the Second Period of President Musharraf.

Comparison of corruption of six different Governments was earlier provided in the National Corruption Perception Survey 2002, and the results are given below: -

In Pakistan which Government was / is most corrupt in your opinion?

Government	Karachi	Lahore & Multan	Peshawar	Quetta	No	PERCENT
Benazir	486 48.60%	361 45.13%	232 38.67%	382 63.67%	1461	48.70%
Nawaz Sharif	402 40.20%	346 43.25%	351 58.50%	192 32.00%	1291	43.03%
Musharraf	29 2.90%	43 5.38%	9 1.50%	14 2.33%	95	3.17%
Ayub	27 2.70%	32 4.00%	3 0.50%	3 0.50%	65	2.17%
Ziaul Haque	33 3.30%	7 0.88%	3 0.50%	3 0.50%	46	1.53%
Bhutto	23 2.30%	11 1.38%	2 0.33%	6 1.00%	42	1.40%
	1000	800	600	600	3000	100.00%

Out of 3,000 respondents in 2002, the perception of corrupt governments of the three, Ms. Benazir, Mr. Nawaz Sharif and President Musharraf, 48.7 percent said the government of Benazir Bhutto was the most corrupt, 43.03% percent said government of Nawaz Sharif was the most corrupt and 3.17 percent said that the government of President Musharraf was the most corrupt. Respondents felt that Z.A. Bhutto's government was least corrupt.

Transparency International would like it to make it clear that Survey results are based on the perception of respondents. The rationale for carrying out such surveys all over the world is to create awareness and provide feedback to the authorities to improve their functioning. The Comparison of corruption between various countries will now be issued under the new Survey CPI 2006 with rankings by TI in November this year.

Stories published in a section of the media that according to the TI Pakistan National Corruption Perception Survey 2006 released on 11 August 2006, President Musharraf's government is more corrupt than the government of Prime Ministers Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif are absolutely incorrect based as they are on a totally erroneous reading of the Transparency International's Survey.

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