

Dear Governor Imran Ismail,

Greetings

Perhaps your first ceremonial task after taking the oath of office will be to visit the mausoleum of the Quaid. Please understand that you will be taking this trip in a Sindh Governor House unregistered and unlisted vehicle that has never paid the registration or motor vehicle tax. (data provided by the Excise and Taxation Department under the Right to Information Act). Far more than paying your respects, you will be adding to the pain and sorrow of the great leader by this unlawful travel at the tax payers' expense.

Please undertake this journey, as an honourable and law abiding citizen, in a small environment friendly, duty paid and road tax paid car of your own – minus the platoon of heavily armed vehicles that routinely tend to tag along.

Back in the Governor House, you may like to inquire as to why does the Governor House need and maintain a fleet of at least 44 limousines. You may decide to retain one or two of these vehicles and sell the rest to build more schools for the needy children of Sindh.

As you warmly greet the Stanford-educated Chief Minister, please let him know that out of the 20986 government vehicles on the records of E&T Department, 8696 have not paid the motor vehicle tax for the last 10 years, while another 5348 vehicles have not done the same for the last 20 years.

While the honourable Chief Minister 'promises' to fix up this matter, you may gently whisper in his ears to begin this charity from home. Of the 36 cars maintained by the Chief Minister's house, twenty five have not paid any tax for the last 10 years.

While the government is forever demanding compliance of laws, can a citizen take the liberty to submit that a government that does not follow its own laws has little moral authority to ask others to do so?

Hope you can convert this 32 Acre estate into a heritage house, a museum, a gallery, a library or anything that benefits the ordinary people of Pakistan.

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