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**Press Release**

## **VIKAS KE LIYE KARAR**

**Patna, October 22, 2010** – Candidates from five major political parties are likely to sign on a list of demands prepared by citizens from Digha constituency, as a token of their commitment to improve the access of public goods and services, prioritized by the community. Defined as *vikas ke liye karar*, is a tool created by Transparency International, a civil society body fighting corruption worldwide.

Interested political parties have agreed to participate in the meeting at Bihar Industries Association Sabhagar at 11am, October 23. All the relevant stakeholders – citizens from Digha as well as the candidates will work together in creating and agreeing to a roadmap for the development of the constituency.

Said Anupama Jha, Executive Director of Transparency International India “*Vikas ke liye karar* introduces incentives and sanctions into the relationship between those that entrust power to the Government and those that exercise it on their behalf. It is a Governance tool meant for political representatives to advance their career based on credible public reputations of integrity and performance. It is also a tool for the disadvantaged, to participate in the Democratic process by demanding tangible deliverables reflecting their own priorities and interest”.

The India chapter of Transparency International kick started its work in Bihar last week at Madhubani. In Rajnagar constituency, candidates from three Political parties signed up on the list of demands put up by the community. The demands ranged from giving fillip to betel, *makhana* production by providing appropriate wherewithals to providing facilities for Project Girls school in the area.

*Vikas ke liye karar* is open to all political parties and champions who want to convert election promises into time bound and tangible deliverables defined jointly with the people.

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