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Dear Mr. Laghari,

Thank you for your letter of November 7 to Mr. Wolfowitz. He has asked that I respond on his behalf. The World Bank is not funding construction of any dam or hydro works in Pakistan, but we do continue a dialogue with Government of Pakistan and the Government of Sindh Province on a reform and investment program for environmentally sustainable development of Pakistan's water resources. We are cognizant both of the environmental affects of large scale water and hydro projects and of the increasing water and hydro-power needs of Pakistan. If the Bank is requested to finance construction of a large-scale dam in Pakistan, we will carry out the appropriate environmental impact studies, consult thoroughly with affected communities and Provincial Governments, and maintain stringent safeguards in line with the Bank's policies on large dams. To answer your questions directly, we are not, at this time, preparing to fund the Government of Pakistan for construction of Kalabagh dam. Your concern on these issues is appreciated.

Sincerely,



for Robert Floyd
Country Program Coordinator for Pakistan
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