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WHISTLEBLOWER FROM BIHAR IN RACE FOR GLOBAL AWARD

Thiruvananthapuram, July 20. SATYENDRA Kumar Dubey, former Deputy General Manager of the National Highway Authority of India, who was killed after his name was leaked in connection with a complaint about corruption that he had sent to the Prime Minister's Office, is among three posthumous candidates short-listed for the **Transparency International** Integrity Awards 2004.

The Berlin-based **Transparency International** (TI) is a leading non-governmental organisation fighting corruption worldwide.

TI spokesperson Sarah Tyler told Business Line that the TI Integrity Awards Committee had short-listed the eight individuals, including the three posthumous candidates, from a total of 30 candidates nominated from every continent.

Dubey was overseeing a road project worth billions of dollars when he died at the age of 31. His death had evoked widespread condemnation in the country and led to renewed demands for laws to protect whistleblowers.

The two other posthumous candidates are a Turkish electrical engineer who was murdered as a result of his efforts to root out corruption in the state electricity company and a brave Bangladeshi journalist whose frequent reports on crime and corruption in politics led to his death.

The Awards Committee comprises 11 prominent anti-corruption campaigners from around the world, and includes Eva Joly, former TI Integrity Award winner and investigating magistrate in the Elf-Aquitaine oil corruption case in France.

A final announcement of the Integrity Awards winners is due on September 12, according to Tyler.

The winners will then be feted at an awards ceremony in October 2004 to be held in Nairobi, Kenya.

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