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Medical Superintendent, District Headquarter Hospital, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, Chilas, Gilgit-Baltistan.

Sub: <u>Violation of the Public Procurement Rules 2004, Medical Superintendent, District Headquarter Hospital, Chilas, Gilgit Baltistan's Tender Notice for Local Purchase of Medicine.</u>

This is with reference DHQ Hospital, Chilas's Tender Notice, published in daily "The News" on 2nd October, 2019. It is observed, the advertisement is in violation of the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

As per terms and condition No. 3 in the advertisement, "DHQ Hospital, Chilas reserve the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason". It is not complying with PPRA Rules 2004, Rule No. 33, which requires that reason should be communicated to bidders. Stated as under:

33. Rejection of bids:- (1) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal. The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any supplier or contractor who summited a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but is not required to justify those grounds.

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding mis-procurement charge under Rule No 50, and with request to re-invite the tender under the prescribed procedures or issue a corrigendum and extend date accordingly.

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Justice (R) Dr. Ghous Muhammad

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- 1. Secretary to Prime Minister, Islamabad.
- 2. Director General, NAB, Rawalpindi.
- 3. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
- 4. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.

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