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Chairman, Union Council No.74 Gul Wala, Tehsil and District Muzaffargarh, Punjab.

Sub: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chairman, Union Council No.74 Gul Wala, Tehsil and District Muzaffargarh's Tender Notice for Repairing and Construction Works.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Union Council No.74 Gul Wala, Tehsil and District Muzaffargarh's Tender Notice, published in daily "Jang" on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

- 1. As per the advertisement, 15 days of response time is not given and the last date for submission/opening of tenders is on 18-04-2018, which is 6 days short. It is violation of PPRA Rules 2014, No.14 (1). Stated as under;
  - 14. Response time:- (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in no circumstances, the response time shall be less than fifteen days for national competitive bidding and thirty days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.
- 2. Also, Chairman, Union Council No.74 Gul Wala shall reserve the right to reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason. However, it is not complying with, PPRA 2014, Rule No. 35, which requires that reason should be communicated to bidders. Therefore the advertisement is in violation of Rule No. 35 of PPRA Rules 2014. Stated as under;
  - 35. 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.
  - (2) the procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but shall not be required to justify those grounds.

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding mis-procurement charge under Rule No. 69, and with request to re-invite the tender under the prescribed procedures or issue a corrigendum and extend date accordingly.

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With Regards,

Justice Zia Perwez

Former Judge of Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Court of Sindh

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Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

- 1. Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, Lahore
- 2. Director General, NAB, Lahore.
- 3. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
- 4. Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
- 5. Managing Director, Punjab PRA, Lahore.

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