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Chairman,  
Municipal Committee,  
Hujra Shah Muqem,  
District Okara, Punjab.

**Sub: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chairman/Chief Officer, Municipal Committee, Hujra Shah Muqem, District Okara's Quotation Notice for Purchase of Miscellaneous Items.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Municipal Committee, Hujra Shah Muqem, District Okara's Quotation Notice, published in daily "Khabrain" on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

1. As per the advertisement, "The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender 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.*

2. Also, "The mentioned quantity of the items can be increase or decrease as per need", whereas per rules, any change in tender conditions, specifications and quantity after the opening of the bid by procuring agency is not allowed under Rules. However according to PPRA 2014, Rule No. 59 (c) (iv), repeat orders cannot exceed more than 15% of the original quantity. Stated as under;

**59. Alternative methods of procurements.-** *A procuring agency may utilize the following alternative methods of procurement of goods, services and works:*

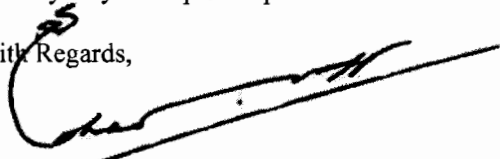
(c) **direct contracting:** *a procuring agency shall only engage in direct contracting if any of the following conditions exist:*

(iv) *repeat orders not exceeding fifteen per cent of the original procurement;*

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

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With Regards,

  
Sohail Muzaffar  
Chairman

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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.

