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Deputy Director Food,
Food Department,
Bahawalpur Division,
Bahawalpur, Punjab.

**Sub: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Deputy Director Food, Food Department,
Bahawalpur's Quotation Notice for Building of Planth.**

This is with reference to Food Department, Bahawalpur's Quotation Notice, published in daily "Nawaiwaqt" on 14th March, 2019. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the PPRA Rules 2014.

As per terms and condition No. 3 in the advertisement, "Food Department, Bahawalpur reserves the right to reject any quotation 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 quotation under the prescribed procedures or issue a corrigendum and extend date accordingly.

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Justice Zia Perwez
Former Judge of Supreme Court of Pakistan
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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.

