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Sardar Usman Ahmad Khan Buzdar Sahib,
Chief Minister,
Government of Punjab,
Chief Minister House,
Lahore..

**Sub: Publication of the Contracts awarded without Tender, as Direct Contract, on
PPRA Website under Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 , Rule No 66**

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has noted that procurement are being made by Ministries and Department of the Federal Government and Provincial Governments based on Emergency, using Direct Contracting, under the Public Procurement Rules.2004 for Fed Govt. and respective Public Procurement Rules by the four provinces.

No time can be wasted in public tendering, and rules are made that in such situation, when Emergency is declared, direct contracting is permissible under Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule No 59 (c).

However, there is no exemption allowed to any procuring agency, from Rule No 66 (quoted below). This Rule has been incorporated in order that the rates and prices are known to public, whereby public can scrutinize any overpriced rate/purchase by comparing prices for similar procurements by different departments.

Rule No 66 Public access and transparency.- As soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

It is noted that all departments of Punjab government are violating this Rule No 66, and no contract awarded under rules as direct contract is uploaded on the website of PPRA.

As a result of TI Pakistan's advocacy, the provincial government of Sindh has issued the notification to all the procuring agencies in Sindh who are selecting "alternative methods of procurement – Direct Contracting" advising to hoist the contract award information of all the contracts award on the Authority's website. The notification also requires the procuring agencies that in future the contract award information be hoisted on PMSSPPRA website:
https://ppms.pprasinhd.gov.pk/PPMS/public/portal/contract_list

Transparency International Pakistan request the Chief Minister to direct the Managing Director of PPRA Punjab to issue Notifications that all the procuring agencies in Balochistan who are selecting "alternative methods of procurement – Direct Contracting" to



also host the contract award information of all the contracts award on the Authority's website, for past and future contracts.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve against Zero tolerance against Corruption,

With Regards,

Sohail Muzaffar,
Chairman
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. PSPM, PM House, Islamabad.
2. Chief Secreatry, Punjab, Lahore..
3. Chairman NAB, Islamabad.
4. MD, Punjab Public Procurement Regularity Authority, Lahore .
5. Registrar, Lahore High Court , Lahore.