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DIRECTORATE GENERAL AGRICULTURE
(WATER MANAGEMENT) PUNJAB

Dated Lahore, the 24-08-2016

To

The Chairman,
Transparency International,
5-C, 2nd Floor, Khayaban-e-Ittehad,
Phase-VII, Defence Housing Authority,
Karachi.

Subject: **Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Director General Agriculture Department, Water Management (Punjab), Lahore's Expression of Interest for Prequalification Notice for Installation of HEIS System**

Kindly refer to your office letter No. TL16/1708/19A dated 17-08-2016 on the subject noted above.

It is indicated that Punjab Irrigated-Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (PIPIP) is a World Bank funded scheme having total outlay of total cost of Rs. 36.00 billion including government share of Rs. 21.25 billion and farmers' contribution of Rs. 14.75 billion. It envisages promotion of various water management interventions for improving water productivity at the farm level and enhancing agricultural production. Installation of high efficiency irrigation systems (HEIS) is one of PIPIP components to be executed through private sector supply & service companies prequalified by the Agriculture Department for the purpose.

The Expression of Interest (EOI)/ advertisement has been prepared on the format/ template prescribed by the World Bank and the same has been cleared by the competent authority and the concerned World Bank authority. It is pointed out that Rs. 10,000/- have been charged as pre-qualification processing fee as the pre-qualification of private sector supply & service companies/firms has been carried out by the Pre-qualification Committee (PQC) of the Agriculture Department constituted for the purpose. It is mentionable that considerable time and substantial resources of the government are involved in the pre-qualification process. Moreover, the pre-qualification processing fee of Rs. 10,000/- has been charged to encourage the well-reputed supply & service companies/joint ventures, who are interested in HEIS

business under the World Bank funded project. The charged amount has been deposited in Punjab Government Income Head through Treasury.

It is clear from above that EOI/advertisement has been published/ processed after its approval by World Bank/ competent authority. Furthermore, this is a continued process and is invogue since start of the project i.e. 2011-12.

It is requested that observation may please be dropped.


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