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Assistant Commissioner,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Sadiqabad,
Punjab.

Sub: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Assistant Commissioner, District Administration, Sadiqabad's Quotation Notice for Establishing Ramadan Bazaar 2018.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to District Administration, Sadiqabad's Quotation Notice, published in daily "Express" on 23rd April, 2018. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Violation of PPRA 2014.

1. As per advertisement, the receiving date of tenders is given as 08-05-2018 while the opening date is given as 09-05-2018. It is violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 30(1). Stated as under;

30. Opening of bids.— (1) *The date for opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same; and, bids shall be opened at the time specified in the bidding documents which shall not less than thirty minutes after the closing time for the submission of bids.*

2. Also, Competent Authority reserves the right to approve or reject all quotations, before issuing order, 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.*

3. Also, "the quantity of procured items may increase or decrease in Ramadan Bazaar with the approval of competent authority", 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,

Justice Zia Perwez
Former Judge of Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Court of Sindh
Trustee- TI-Pakistan

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.

