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**SINDH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY
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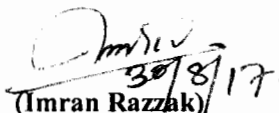
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

Karachi, dated the 30th August, 2017

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| • The Secretary,
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Government of Sindh, Karachi. | Member | • Mr. Asadullah Soomro, | Member |
| • The Director General Audit Sindh,
Karachi. | Member | • Mr. Abdul Majeed Thaheem | Member |
| • Engr. Asim Inam Osmani,
Pakistan Engineering Council | Member | | |

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF 30th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SINDH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith minutes of 30th meeting of the Board of Directors, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) held on 9th August, 2017, duly approved by the Chairman, SPPRA Board for your kind information and perusal please.


(Imran Razzak)
Deputy Director (A&F)

CC to:

1. The Secretary Information Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi. (Additional Agenda item No:1)
2. The PS to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
3. The PS to Minister Food & Parliamentary Affairs / Chairman SPPRA Board.
4. The Staff Officer to MD. SPPRA.

**MINUTES OF THE 30th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SINDH
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

The 30th meeting of Board of Directors of Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority was held on Wednesday, 9th August, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Committee Room No.I of Sindh Assembly Building under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Minister Food & Parliamentary Affairs / Chairman, SPPRA Board. The following members / representatives attended;

S.No.	Name of Members / Representatives
1.	Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro Minister Food & Parliamentary Affairs / Chairman SPPRA Board
2.	Dr. Sohrab Khan Sarki MPA, Sindh Member SPPRA Board
3.	Dr. Shireen Mustafa Narejo Secretary (Planning), Planning & Development Board, Government of Sindh
4.	Mr. Akhter Hussain Bugti Managing Director & Member / Secretary of the Board, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Government of Sindh.
5.	Mr. Aslam Ansari Additional Secretary (Tech) Irrigation Department, Government of Sindh.
6.	Ms. Uzma Ismail Additional Secretary, SGA&CD, Government of Sindh.
7.	Mr. Afzal Zaidi Additional Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sindh
8.	Ms. Rubina Asif Additional Secretary, Law Department Government of Sindh.
9.	Mr. Khalid Hussain Director (Audit), office of the D.G. Audit Sindh.

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10.	Mr. Athar Hussain Deputy Director, Information, Science & Technology Department, Government of Sindh
11.	Dr. Ajmal Sawand Professional IT Sector, Member SPPRA Board
12.	Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Tariq Professional in Management & Financial Sector, Member SPPRA Board
13.	Mr. Asadullah Soomro Member SPPRA Board (From Civil Society)
14.	Mr. Adul Majeed Thahim Member SPPRA Board (From Civil Society)
15.	Mr. Atif Jameel ur Rehman Representative of KCCI Member SPPRA Board

The meeting started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Thereafter the Chair welcomed the participants and desired to start the proceedings as per the Agenda items. The Managing Director, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority placed the following agenda items for discussion in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 29th MEETING OF THE BOARD

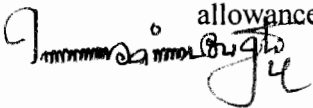
Minutes of 29th meeting of the Board already circulated among the members with the approval of the Chairman, were presented for confirmation.

Decision: *“Minutes of 29th meeting of SPPRA Board held on 26th January, 2017 confirmed”.*

Agenda Item No. 2

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (2017-2018)

The Managing Director, SPPRA placed Revised Estimates for the F.Y (2016-2017) amounting to Rs. 85.00 (Million) and Budget Estimates for the F.Y (2017-2018) amounting to Rs. 120.00 (Million) for approval from the Board along with the details of pay & allowances of the employees.



The Board members were apprised that an amount of Rs. 85.00 (Million) had been allocated for SPPRA in the budget of current financial year (2017-2018). However, due to enhancement of pay & allowances and other operational expenditures and functionalization of Procurement Performance Management System, this amount is insufficient for the whole year. Therefore, Finance Department may be requested to release an additional amount of Rs. 35.00 (Million) for SPPRA during current financial year (2017-18).

Decision: *“The Board unanimously approved the Revised Estimates for the F.Y. (2016-2017) amounting to Rs.85.00 Million and Budget Estimates for the F.Y. (2017-2018) amounting to Rs.120.00 Million along with pay & allowances drawn by the Authority’s employees.*

The Board also authorized MD, SPPRA to forward request for release of an additional amount of Rs.35.00 Million to Finance Department and advised that in future budget estimates should be placed before the Board by April / May, so that Finance Department may be requested in timely manner for allocation of required amounts in the annual budget estimates”.

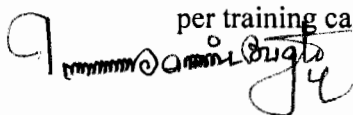
Agenda Item No. 3

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

The Board was apprised about the training and capacity building activities carried out by the Authority all over Sindh province after last meeting of the Board held in January, 2017;

Description	Venue
Training Conducted (Feb, 2017 to July, 2017)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kamber-Shahdadkot 2. Kashmore @ Kandhkot 3. Jacobabad 4. Karachi 5. Sindh Civil Services & Local Government Academy Tandojam 6. Karachi Shipyard & Engg. Works 7. Sanghar
Officers / Officials Trained	430

The Chair enquired whether SPPRA had taken the action on the decision of the last meeting wherein it was decided to conduct trainings / workshops on Divisional level including all Districts. The Managing Director, SPPRA apprised that the trainings are being conducted, as per training calendar approved by the SPPRA Board at Divisional and District levels.



Decision: *“The Chair and members of the Board appreciated the performance of SPPRA and desired that capacity building activities may be conducted with properly devised strategies for better performance of the procuring agencies”.*

Agenda Item No. 4:

REFORM ACTIVITIES:

SINDH PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT REFORM PROJECT (SPSMRP)

The Board was informed that the Government of Sindh, in collaboration with the World Bank had initiated Sindh Public Sector Management Reform Project (SPSMRP) with the aim to strengthen Public Sector Performance through improved revenue generation and expenditure management. The Project supports government for improving governmental systems, which shall result in better policies and service delivery through three objectives:

- a) improved Sales Tax on Services (STS) collection;
- b) improved credibility of budget execution;
- c) **reduced time taken to process contracts and other intermediate result indicators.**


The Board was further informed that there were total sixteen (16) intermediate results indicators in the project; out of which eight (8) were Disbursement Link Indicators. Each DLI had been linked with different prices which were reimbursed to Government of Sindh by World Bank after meeting the protocols of the DLI. Under the project, the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority was required to meet one Project Development Objective (PDO) i.e. **‘Reduced Time Taken to process procurement contracts’**, One DLI i.e. **‘Procurement officials certified’** and two intermediate results indicators i.e. **‘Contract Data entered in the procurement MIS’** and **‘Contracts processed through e-procurement modules’**.

The Managing Director SPPRA while sharing the progress on the reform plan, apprised the Board that the progress on reform activities were graded by the World Bank Mission as moderately unsatisfactory as progress on DLI and other activities were slow, but due to continuous efforts of Authority, the target of DLI had been achieved for first two years and all other activities included in reform project were accelerated. It was further informed to the Board that the Country Director, World Bank recently held a meeting with the Chief Minister Sindh on 1st August, 2017 where in progress on reform issues pertaining to various

departments including SPPRA was discussed and it was desired to speed up the pace of progress on all reform activities. However, they were informed that since last meeting of the Mission in April, 2017 exceptional progress had been made for achieving the targets. On the issue of e-procurement they were informed that the matter would be placed before the Board for formal approval before sending a request to the World Bank. It is therefore felt expedient to share the Progress on Sindh Public Sector Management Reform Project (SPSMRP) with the Board for information and seeking relevant approvals;

(a) Project Development Objective Indicators (PDO):

	Indicator Name	Baseline	Target Value			Progress
			2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
(i)	Reduced time taken to process procurement contract	82 days	-	5%	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As desired by the World Bank, SPPRA has decided to include this assignment in the existing contract of M/s EY Ford Rhodes. Accordingly, the firm was requested to submit its proposals for carrying out the instant study for 2015-2016, 2016-17 & 2017-18. The firm has submitted its proposal for including this component in the existing contract as additional item with financial outlay of Rs. 6.368(M). <p>The World Bank has been requested for No Objection letter for amendment in the contract.</p>

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(b) **Intermediate Result Indicators (IRs):**

	Intermediate Result Indicators	Target Value			Progress
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
(i)	Contracts data entered in the procurement MIS	MIS developed, and tested.	25%	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Procurement Performance Management System (PPMS) has been completed and is ready for roll out.As the contract with the firm would be expired on 31st July, 2017, hence, SPPRA in consultation with the World Bank would sign Service and Support contract for two to three years with the firm for service support and maintenance of the PPMS. The funding would be made by the World Bank under Sindh Public Sector Management Reform Project.
	Intermediate Result Indicators	Target Value			Progress
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
(ii)	Contract processed through e-procurement modules.	e-procurement action plan developed and adopted	System designed	System tested with major contracts of one department	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The SPPRA Board assigned the e-procurement strategy to Prof. Dr. Zubair A. Shaikh, Member SPPRA Board in its 23rd meeting held on 31.03.2015 for reviewing and submitting his comments to the Board, but till the expiry of his tenure as member on the Board, he did not submit his comments on e-procurement strategy.As the new member(s) on SPPRA Board have been nominated by the Government and the e-procurement strategy is therefore presented before the Board for decision / approval.Once approval is granted by the Board, SPPRA would send request to World Bank for support in e-procurement.

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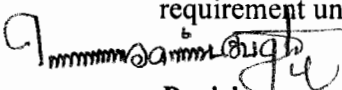
(c) **Disbursement Link Indicator (DLI)**

	Disbursement Link Indicator (DLI)	Target Value			Progress
(i)	Procurement officials certified	SPPRA has: (i) developed a procurement certification action plan setting forth contents, and delivery mechanism; and (ii) notified the mandatory certification requirement.	SPPRA has certified at least fifty (50) officers of grade BS-16 or above.	SPPRA has: (i) certified at least two hundred (200) officers of grade BPS-16 and above. (ii) carried out a third party review of the certification process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The requirement of first year i.e. (2014-15) has been complied, as the Chairman SPPRA has approved the Training Strategy which contains the Action Plan for Certification of Procurement professionals and the Government of Sindh has also issued circular on 20th April, 2017 for mandatory certification requirement.• The contract with the firm EY has been signed and the firm has submitted its inception report.• The Training Strategy is under customization.• The outline / contents of training have been finalized and draft of 1st day training has been received for comments of SPPRA.• Once the modules are developed and institutes are taken on board, the target set for remaining years would be achievable within few months.

(d) **Description of Covenant**

GoS to cause SPPRA to prepare and carry out a **costed multi-year reform plan** covering the adoption and implementation of e-procurement, the establishment of MIS and a procurement certification program; and ensure that SPPRA receives on an annual basis, adequate allocations of financial resources.

The SPPRA in line with above covenant has developed a **multi-year plan** as per the requirement under the project from F.Y. (2017-18 to 2021-2022).


Decision: "The members of the Board appreciated the work done by SPPRA and approved the following:

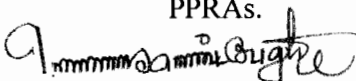
- (i) Launch of Procurement Performance Management System (PPMS) in selected procuring agencies;
- (ii) Adoption of e-procurement strategy prepared by the World Bank and making formal request to the Bank for support in e-procurement as done by Federal, Punjab and KPK PPRAs.
- (iii) Dr. Ajmal Sawand, Member SPPRA Board shall be the focal person to look after all reform issues including PPMS & e-procurement for better results.
- (iv) Actions taken on PDO and DLI.
- (v) Multi-year plan (2017-2022)

Agenda Item No. 5

ABOLITION OF REVIEW COMMITTEE FROM SPP RULES-2010

The Board was informed that during the meeting of the Harmonization Committee constituted for harmonization of the Public Procurement Rules of all PPRAs, it was observed that Federal, Punjab and Balochistan Public Procurement Rules have single tier **complaint redressal mechanism**, i.e. complainant may file complaint to the “**Complaint Redressal Committee**” of the procuring agency. While Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010 have two tiers redressal mechanism i.e. **Complaint Redressal Committee** of procuring agency and then appeal to the **Review Committee** headed by the MD, SPPRA. The Review Appeal rule stipulates that if a complaint is not decided by the CRC of Procuring Agencies within seven days, the complaint shall stand referred to Review Committee, which is a difficult task, as most of the times it is not possible for procuring agencies to hold meetings within seven days due to capacity and procedural issues. Hence, the appeal rule is not only jeopardizing the neutrality of the Authority but also creating an unnecessary burden on the Authority.

In view of the above, the Board was requested to allow abolition of the Rule-32 of SPP Rules, 2010 in order to harmonize the rules with Federal, Punjab and Balochistan PPRAs.



Mr. Asadullah Soomro, Member SPPRA Board strongly opposed the proposal and added that this is an inexpensive redressal mechanism which is facilitating the complainant to redress their grievances. Showing his concern, he further added that with abolition of this 2nd tier of redressal mechanism, un-necessary **litigations** will take place and pile up to the Government disadvantage. Mr. Zeeshan Tariq, Member Board also opposed the proposal and

pointed out that the second tier redressal mechanism was included on the request of European Union, World Bank and other developing partners and other PPRAs shall also have to incorporate this second tier in their Rules, hence there is no need to abolish the Rule.

Due to disagreement among the members, it was clarified that as per Rule-31(5) of SPP Rules if a complaint is not decided by the CRC of concerned Procuring Agencies within seven days, the complaint stand transferred to the Review Committee, which is a difficult task, as most of the times it is not possible for procuring agencies to hold meetings within seven days due to capacity and procedural issues. All the members of the Board were of the opinion that a suitable amendment in Rule-31(5) may be made to remove the ambiguity and the last lines of the rule *ibid* may be deleted:

Decision: *After threadbare discussion on the issue, proposal for abolition of Rule-32 of SPP Rules 2010 was dropped.*

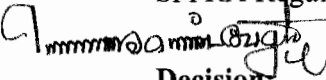
“The Board further decided that the last lines of Rule-31(5) i.e. “If the committee fails to arrive the decision within seven days, the complaint shall stand transferred to the Review Committee which shall dispose of the complaint in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule-32” may be deleted”.

Agenda Item No. 6

ABOLITION OF CLAUSE 9.3(2)(b)(iv) OF SPPRA REGULATIONS FOR PROCUREMENT OF WORKS

It was apprised to the Board that the Chief Minister Sindh had been pleased to approve that **interest on mobilization advance** may not be charged as neither Federal Government nor any province (Punjab, KPK & Baluchistan) charge such interest on mobilization advance. Accordingly, Finance Department had made relevant change in the Sindh Financial Rules in respect of mobilization advance and charging interest on mobilization advance had been deleted from SFR.

The Board was therefore requested to allow abolition of clause 9.3(2)(b)(iv) of SPPRA Regulations for Procurement of Works in the light of such amendment in SF Rules.


Decision: *“The Board approved the abolition of clause 9.3 (2)(b)(iv) from SPP Regulations for Procurement of Works in the light of amendment made in Sindh Financial Rules”*

Agenda Item No. 7

HONORARIUM TO THE MEMBERS OF SPPRA BOARD

The Board was apprised that during the 18th meeting of the Board of Directors held on 20th October, 2013, it was decided that an amount of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) per meeting per day shall be paid to all the members who attend the Board meeting. The amount of honorarium seems very small, it was therefore proposed to the Board to enhance & fix a suitable amount as Honorarium to the members of SPPRA Board for attending the Board meetings.

Decision:

“The Board unanimously approved the enhancement of honorarium to the members of SPPRA Board from existing Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) to Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) per meeting. It was also decided that the honorarium may be paid to all the Members or their nominees whoever attend the meeting”

Agenda Item No. 8

REMUNERATION TO THE INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL OF REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Managing Director, SPPRA apprised the Board that as per Rule-32(2)(d) “the Review Committee shall comprise an **independent professional** having expertise of relevant field concerning the procurement in question”.

It was further informed that as per Rule-32(4) “the independent professional shall be paid remuneration for attending the meeting of Review Committee at a rate prescribed by the authority from time to time”.

He added that the Independent Professionals attend meetings of the Review Committee taking out their precious time to provide technical input / assistance to the Committee for disposing the appeals. Hence, the Board was suggested to decide an appropriate amount as remuneration for attending the meeting of Review Committee to be paid to the **independent professional** as envisaged in Rule-32(4) of SPP Rules-2010.

Decision: *“The Board after discussion unanimously decided that honorarium amounting to Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) may be paid to Independent Professional for attending the meeting of Review Committee as per clause-32(4) of SPP Rules 2010”*

Agenda Item No. 9

Staff Related Issues:

i) **CREATION OF POSTS**

The Board was informed that due to expansion of work, the following posts are required to be created in the Authority from C.F.Y (2017-18);

Sr. No.	Post	BPS	Number of Posts
1.	Deputy Director (IT)	18	01
2.	Assistant Director	17	02

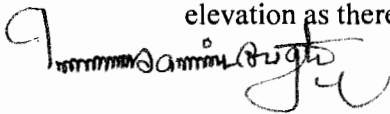
It was further informed that financial implication of creation of above Posts is around Rs.3.5 Million per anum which shall be met from the regular budget of the Authority.

Decision: *“The Board unanimously approved the creation of one Post of Deputy Director (IT) (BS-18) and two posts of Assistant Director (BS-17) in the Authority from the c.f.y (2017-18)”*

ii) **AMENDMENT IN SPPRA APT REGULATIONS, 2013**

It was apprised to the Board that in 19th meeting of SPPRA Board held on 5th March, 2013, the Board had approved SPPRA APT regulations, 2013 under **Sub-Section-2 of Section 18 read with Section 27 of SPP Act, 2009.**

The Board was further informed that keeping in view the requirement of the Authority, the following amendment in **appendix-A** of SPPRA APT Regulations, 2013 is placed before the Board for approval. This will help the authority staff for their vertical elevation as there is no line of promotion for the staff of the authority.



Name of Post	Present Method of Recruitment	Proposed Method of Recruitment
Assistant Director (BS-17)	i) 25% by promotion from any official in BS-16 having minimum three years' service as such. ii) 25% by transfer iii) 50% by initial recruitment	i) 40% by promotion from any official in BS-16 having minimum three years' service as such. ii) 20% by transfer iii) 40% by initial recruitment

Ms. Shireen Narejo, Secretary (Planning), P&D Board, suggested that the percentage should be decided in such a manner so as to benefit all the employees of the Authority across the board.

Mr. Zeeshan Tariq also suggested that SPPRA should prepare career plan for its staff and also make GP Fund, Pension and Gratuity Rules for its employees.

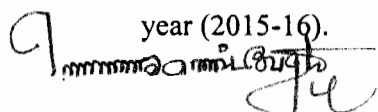
Decision: *“After detailed discussion, it was decided that SPPRA shall review:*

(i) the percentage share in method of recruitment in all layers as per requirement in the interest of Authority staff and coordinate with Ms. Shireen Narejo, Secretary, P&D Board for her final input before necessary amendment.

(ii) It was further decided that the SPPRA shall also prepare career plan and GP Fund, Pension, Gratuity and other retirement benefit Rules for its employees”.

iii) **HONORARIUM TO THE STAFF**

The Board was informed that at present Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority is working with minimal strength. As such the work load is very high and officers as well as staff have to sit in the office for long hours on daily basis even on Saturdays and Sundays to perform the extra work. Moreover, the cases dealt by SPPRA are time bound; therefore, each NIT is required to be processed on a fast track basis. In addition, Bidding documents and Bid Evaluation Reports with volumes of pages are examined (in most cases on the same day as received). It was further informed to the forum that the officers and officials of Authority were granted eight basic salaries as Honorarium in the last financial year (2015-16).

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In view of increasing quantum of work and the hard work of the employees highlighted above, an amount equivalent to six basic salaries as Honorarium had been paid to all regular employees with the approval of Honourable Chairman SPPRA Board due to closure of F.Y (2016-17). Accordingly, post-facto approval was requested.

Decision: *“The Board unanimously granted post facto approval to the payment of six basic salaries as Honorarium to SPPRA officers and staff from the budget allocation of F.Y (2016-17)”.*

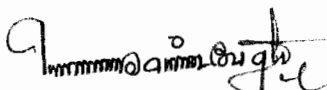
Additional Agenda item No-1

PREQUALIFICATION OF ADEVERTISING AGENCIES ON THE PANEL OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

With permission of the Chair, the DG Information Department has floated the following additional agenda for consideration and approval of the Board.

Information Department, Government of Sindh is going to initiate the process of Prequalification for appointing of accredited Advertising Agencies on its panel as required, for media campaigns in order to project / publicize public oriented schemes / projects and related Government endeavors in electronic, social and print media in respect of all the departments, organizations, autonomous / semi-autonomous bodies and authorities under the administrative control of Government of Sindh. Needles to state the process of prequalification is observed strictly in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Rules-2010(Amended-2017) and being in practice for the last many years. The prequalification process starts with publishing the due advertisement in leading newspapers and it is also ensured, at all levels, that the releasing advertising is hoisted to SPPRA website on the basis of evaluation criteria.

Since, the entire advertisement budget of Sindh Government is placed at the disposal of Information Department, therefore, the department has to select through tender process the advertising agencies for issuance of advertisements related to Government of Sindh, it is worth mentioning that the advertising agencies which were prequalified during the financial year 2016-17 have exhausted their tenure and therefore, it is imperative to go into a fresh process of prequalification to remove out any possible bottle neck.

 It is not out of context to state that the Information Department shall duly constitute a Procuring Committee during the process of prequalification headed by Director Information (Advertisement) (BPS-19), as defined under Section-7 of SPPRA Rules, Similarly, the prequalification will be solely based on a comprehensive annual procurement plan for this specific type of prequalification process / procurement as laid down in

section-11 of SPPRA Rules, like wise, as envisaged in section-45 of SPPRA Rules and as per practices, evaluation report will be also announced accordingly. Similarly, Information Department will also publish on its website, the result of the prequalification process thereby adhering to section-50 of SPPRA Rules.

It is always ensured that Information Department shall adhere to entire rules and regulations contained in SPPRA Rules in maintaining highest standards of good governance, transparency and fair play.

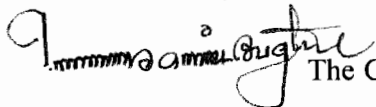
In the light of narrated clear position it is requested that the Information Department may be allowed to initiate the process of prequalification of accredited advertising agencies for print and electronic media without any further delay in public interest.

MD SPPRA has informed that earlier the subject request of Information Department was placed before SPPRA Board in its 28th meeting held on 25th November, 2016 and the Board was pleased to constitute the following five member committee including representative of the Information Department to propose necessary insertion / amendment in SPP Rules for the instant procurement;

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| 1. Syed Adil Gilani, Member SPPRA Board | Chairman |
| 2. Managing Director, SPPRA | Member |
| 3. Representative of NAB(not below the rank of BS-19) | Member |
| 4. D.G (Public Relations), Information Department | Member |
| 5. Representative of Press Information Department | Member |

Government of Pakistan

(not below rank of BS-19)



The Committee in its meeting held on 28th December, 2016 has recommended that the Information Department shall follow the SPP Rules 2010 and award the contract to advertising agencies after **open competition** as prescribed in the rules. The members of Board in such a scenario, opined that the Information Department need no approval from the Board for entering into pre-qualification prior to competitive bidding process as rules are clear and applicable to all procuring agencies pertaining to procurement of works, goods and services. But the Department might have different option arrangement for awarding a contract on the basis of prequalification without entering into a competitive process being a typical nature of procurement is however, not permissible in the existing SPP Rules 2010.

Decision: *“After detailed discussions, the Board has unanimously decided that Information Department shall follow the existing SPP Rules-2010 pertaining to prequalification and enter into competitive process as prescribed in Rules. The department may if it likes so take benefit and apply the existing provisions of SPP Act & Rules for carrying out its procurement process”.*

Prasanna Singh