



**Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic
Affairs, Statistics and Privatisation
(Privatisation Commission)**

DIRECTOR GENERAL

No. 323/Secretary/PC/2014

Islamabad, dated 20th May, 2014

✓ Mr. Sohail Muzaffar,
Chairman,
Transparency International-Pakistan,
5-C, 2nd Floor, Khayaban-e-Ittehad, Phase-VII,
Defence Housing Authority,
Karachi.

Subject: - **VIOLATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES, 2004,
PPRA ORDINANCE 2002, IN APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL
ADVISORY SERVICES FOR LAWYERS/LAW FIRMS BY
PRIVATISATION COMMISSION ('COMMISSION')**

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 29.04.2014 on the subject cited above, addressed to the Chairman, Privatisation Commission.

2. The Commission takes this opportunity to express its deepest gratitude for your kind comments contained in para-2 of your above referred letter.
3. The Commission would like to reassure the "Transparency International-Pakistan" that the present management and the Board of Privatisation Commission have firm believe in compliance, transparency in the selection process, across the board fair and open competition, value for money/economy and efficiency, high-quality services, code of ethics (*conflict of interest*) and accountability. These are the guiding principles that the Commission is strictly observing while adhering to the Public Procurement Rules-2004, the PPRA Ordinance-2002, PPRA (Procurement of Consultancy Services), Regulations-2010 and relevant provisions of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and PC (Hiring of Financial advisor) Regulations-2007.
4. As already informed in the previous correspondence, the RFP package(s), which are issued to the interested parties, comprises of documents like, Company Information/Information Memorandum, Letter of Invitation, Terms of Reference, Terms of Technical Proposal, Terms of Financial Proposal, Draft Advisory Services Agreement, Conditions etc. The entire RFP package, the evaluation process carried thereafter, for selection

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of financial and other advisors, and the posting of evaluation report on PPRA and Commission's websites are all the steps which are in complete compliance with procurement consultancy regulations of PPRA and privatisation laws. The entire aforesaid process is meticulously overseen by the PC Board, to the extent that even the Board Member(s) are included in the transaction/evaluation teams.

5. As far the issue of processing fee by the Commission is concerned, it is stated that the system is under review in consultation with PPRA. Please be re-assured that this issue will be resolved with the consensus of PPRA, in the best public interest.

6. Furtherance to the aforesaid, the present management of the Commission is also closely working with PPRA to form a joint strategy for providing maximum information in the public interest in down-loadable format on the PPRA and Commission's websites.

7. It is a source of satisfaction that neither PPRA nor any other interested party has raised any objection whatsoever on the procurement process undertaken so far by the Commission.

8. It is reiterated with resolve that the Commission will leave no stone unturned to ensure strict adherence to the rule of law, merit, fairness and transparency, while carrying out the privatisation program of the present government in the best public interest.

Yours sincerely,


(Anwar Malik)
Director General

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4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
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