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Mr. Muhammad Ali Gardezi,  
Chairman, National Highway Authority,  
HQ, 27, Mauve Area, G-9/1,  
Islamabad.  
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**Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, General Manager (Punjab/North),  
National Highway Authority, Lahore's Tender Notice for Supply of Office Stationery.**

Dear Sir,

The General Manager (Punjab/North), National Highway Authority, Lahore's Tender Notice for Supply of Office Stationery, published in daily "Express" on July 06, 2012, is against the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

It is to point out that National Highway Authority is providing the bidding documents to bidders 10 days after the publication of notice inviting tender in press, whereas according to Rule 23(1), a procuring agency has to provide the bidding documents immediately after the publication of tender notice. The Rule is quoted below for your information;

*23. Bidding documents:- (1) Procuring agencies shall formulate precise and unambiguous bidding documents that shall be made available to the bidders immediately after the publication of the invitation to bid.*

TI-Pakistan would also like to mention that a minimum period of 15 days is mandatory to submit applications from the date of publication of advertisement notice in press, whereas National Highway Authority has given only 04 days from the documents issue day, which is a violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004. The Rule is stated below for reference;

*13. Response time.-The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen days for national competitive bidding and thirty days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.*

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding the mis-procurement charge under Rule No 50, and with request to re-invite the tender under the prescribed procedures.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption.

With Regards,

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Adviser

Copies forwarded for the information of:

1. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
3. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. Auditor General, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad - with a request to take action under section 5(2) (a) "monitor application of the laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures in respect of, or relating to, procurement" and under section 5(2) (i) of the PPRA Ordinance 2002.



