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Mr. Javed Aslam Ghauri,  
Executive Engineer Signal (G)/RSP for Project Director,  
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**Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Executive Engineer Signal (G)/RSP for Project Director, Pakistan Railway Headquarter Lahore's Tender Notice for Procurement of Tools and Accessories for Ongoing Computer Based Interlocking (CBD) Installation & Commissioning Works at Yousuf Wala & Lahore Cantt. Stations in Connection with Re-signaling Project (Lodhran - Shahdara Bagh) Section**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Express' Newspaper on 23 March, 2026. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

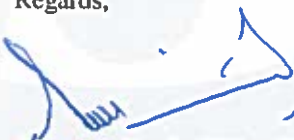
In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 03-04-2026, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (02) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*13. Response time.- (1) 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.*

Executive Engineer Signal (G)/RSP for Project Director, Pakistan Railway Headquarter Lahore is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across-the-board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,

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Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,  
Trustee/Legal Advisor  
Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission (PMIC), Islamabad.




**Note:**


This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three-member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

“What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani

which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution”



**PAKISTAN RAILWAYS**  
INVITATION FOR BIDS THROUGH EPADS



Dated: 17-03-2026

1. Bid Identification No. Sig-Proj/LON-SDR/Tender/245/2025. Pakistan Railways (PR) acting through the Project Director/Signals (LON-SDR) (the "Employer") has planned to execute the project "Procurement of Tools and Accessories for Ongoing Computer Based Interlocking (CBI) Installation & Commissioning Works at Yousaf Wala & Lahore Cantt. Stations in connection with Re-signaling Project (Lodhran – Shahdara Bagh) Section".
2. Project Director/Signals (LON-SDR) (The Employer) intends to invites electronic bids through E-Pak Acquisition and Disposal system (EPADS) link ([www.eprocure.gov.pk](http://www.eprocure.gov.pk)) from reputable Bidder's/Supplier's on the basis of Single Stage - Two envelop bidding procedure as per PPRA rules. No bid other than EPADS will be accepted.
3. Bidding documents, containing detailed terms and conditions, can be downloaded from [https:// e-procure.gov.pk](https://e-procure.gov.pk) free of cost.
4. The bids prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding documents, must be submitted on EPADS as per the schedule time mentioned below. Bids submitted late will be rejected.
5. Bidder must be having valid registration with Income Tax & Sales Tax Departments and who are on Active Taxpayer list of FBR
6. The Bidder will also upload/submit their electronic Bid (the complete scanned copy of their bid) on EPADS. Note: EPADS Tender No. F-26031780774.
7. The Bidder must submit Bid Security/Earnest Money amounting Rs. 100,000/-. The Bid Security can be in the shape of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) / Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (in favour of FA&CAO, PR) in accordance with form provided in the Bidding Documents. The CDR or Bank Guarantee should be issued by any schedule bank in Pakistan. The Bid Security must be submitted / delivered before closing date & time of the tender to the Office of the Project Director/Signals (LON-SDR) Headquarter, Empress Road, Lahore, Pakistan and the soft copy of CDR or Bank guarantee should be uploaded on EPADS link.
8. Tender advertisement is available at PPRA website [www.ppra.org.pk](http://www.ppra.org.pk) & Pakistan Railways website [www.pakrail.gov.pk](http://www.pakrail.gov.pk)
9. For further details, if required please contact Office of the Project Director/Signals (LON-SDR), Pakistan Railways, Headquarters, Empress Road, Lahore.
10. Bids must be submitted electronically via the e-Pak Acquisition and Disposal System (e-PADS) on or before 12:00 P.M (Pakistan Standard Time) on 03rd April, 2026. The original Bid Security must be submitted by the same deadline i.e., 12:00 P.M on 03rd April, 2026 to the office of the Project Director/Signals (LON-SDR), Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office, Lahore. Bids will be opened at 12:30 P.M on the same day electronically at the aforementioned address in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late submission of original bid security will not be considered and shall be rejected.

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