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Directorate Works & Implementation, Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Peshawar Sports Complex Near Saddar Peshawar Cantt, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Subject: Violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services
Rules, 2014, Directorate Works & Implementation, Sports & Youth Affairs Department
Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Development of Various Playing Facilities,
Construction of Cricket Academy and Rehabilitation of Football Ground.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice that appeared in Daily 'Mashriq' Newspaper on 15 December 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule No. 34 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids are given on 27.12.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule 34. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

34. Response time.—(1) The procuring entity 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 contract's complexity, 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 in the national newspaper.

Directorate Works and Implementation, Sports and Youth Affairs Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue a corrigendum in accordance with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 54.

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

Regards,

Advocate Daniyal-Muzaffar,

Trustee/Legal Advisor

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

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

2. Managing Director, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Peshawar.



Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operates 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 information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three-member bench in the 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"

