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Chief Officer,
Office of the District Council Chiniot,
Chiniot, Punjab.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chief Officer, Office of the District Council Chiniot's Tender Notice for Reconstruction / Restoration of Various Muharram Routes in Different Tehsils.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'The News' Newspaper on 24th June, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 14 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 06.07.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is three (3) days less. It is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 14. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

14. Response time.— (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for prequalification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice keeping in view the complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in 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.

Chief Officer, Office of the District Council Chiniot is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 69.

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Regards,



Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
2. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore

