



# **SINDH TEXTBOOK BOARD**

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Dated: 14 /06/(2024)

To,

Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar  
Trustee/Legal Advisor,  
Transparency International Pakistan,  
Karachi.

**SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF SPPRA RULES 2010 IN TENDER OPENING BY THE SINDH TEXTBOOK BOARD JAMSHORO.**

I am directed to refer to your letter No:TIP2024/0603/1A, dated: 04<sup>th</sup> June 2024 on the subject cited above and to submit para wise details against the comments highlighted in the letter under reference.

1. That the competent authority of Sindh Textbook Board i.e. Chairman STBB will be pleased to initiate the investigations if deviations from standard procedure of bidding are found at any stage.
2. That the subject bid was floated on SPPRA's newly created web portal i.e. EPADS (Electronic Pakistan Acquisition & Disposal System), all the bidders submitted their technical and financial bids through EPADS system by the systematic deadline of 02:00 PM on 06-05-2024. There was no chance of delaying the submission or opening of bids after the scheduled time as the bid was being conducted on systematic time. The financial bids were opened in presence of all bidders on 27-05-2024 at 02:00 PM but due to some technical issues on EPADS web portal, few bids were not opening, the issue was promptly highlighted to SPPRA on the same time in presence of all bidders to rectify the issues, consequently with the mutual agreement of all the bidders, the Procurement Committee postponed the opening of remaining financial bids on the next day i.e. 28-05-2024 at 11:00 AM, all the proceedings of bidding is recorded in camera and pictures were also taken. The SPPRA team worked overnight and resolved the issue being faced by the Procurement Committee. The Procurement Committee as scheduled on the next day opened financial bids submitted on EPADS in presence of all bidders and announced rates.

3. The Sindh Textbook Board is a lawful entity who procures textbooks for free distribution every year strictly in accordance with the SPPRA rules. Moreover, it is stated that it was the 1<sup>st</sup> bid of Sindh Textbook Board carried out on EPADS system to ensure absolute transparency in its procurements.

Furthermore, this Procuring Agency in accordance with rule 31 of SPPRA rules 2010, received some written grievances and via the web portal of EPADS which were forwarded to the Complaint Redressal Committee of Sindh Textbook Board and were timely redressed/resolved during the meeting held on 04-06-2024, all the grievances were resolved by the CRC, minutes of CRC were uploaded on EPADS portal.

This is for your kind information.



**SECRETARY**  
**SINDH TEXTBOOK BOARD**  
**JAMSHORO**

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