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TIP 2022/0718/1A

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The Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Islamabad

Subject: <u>Violation by Ministry of Communication in the Publication of the Contract</u>

<u>Agreements on PPRA Website under Public Procurement Rules, 2004, Rule 47, Mis-</u>

<u>Procurement Rule 50</u>

Dear Sir,

TI Pakistan referred to its letters No. TL2022/0607/1A dated 7th June 2022 sent to Principal Secretary to the PM, and letter No. TIP22/0704/1A dated 4th July 2022 to Prime Minister's Inspection Commission (PMIC), and copy forwarded to Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Islamabad regarding the publication of the Contract Agreements on PPRA website under Public Procurement Rules, 2004, Rule 47.

The Prime Minister's Inspection Commission (PMIC) directed Ministry of Communication vide letter No. F. (1)/Member/PMIC/ 2022, dated 13th July, 2022 to upload the requisite information /data as per PPRA Rules 2004. (Annex-A)

However, the contracts award information along with BOQ rates of Ministry of Communications are still not uploaded under the "Procurement Contracts" section on the PPRA website.

TI Pakistan again requests the Secretary, Ministry of Communication to ensure the compliance of PPRA Rule 47 to publish a) Contract Evaluation Report; (b) Form of Contract and Letter of Award; and (c) Bill of Quantities or Schedule of Requirement along with contracts on PPRA website.

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

Regards

Ms. Yasmeen Lari

Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Hilal-e- Imtiaz

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Justice (Rtd) Nasira Iqbal Vice Chair, Sitara-e-Imtiaz

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

- 1. PSPM. PM House, Islamabad
- 2. Prime Minister's Inspection Commission (PMIC), Islamabad
- 3. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
- 4. MD, PPRA, Islamabad



Note:

TI Pakistan act as 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, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in his landmark judgment in case of Ataullah Malik v. Federation of Pakistan includes following order;

Right to information is another corrective tool which allows public access to the working and decision making of the public authorities. It opens the working of public administration to public scrutiny. This necessitates transparent and structured exercise of discretion by the public functionaries. Article 19-A empowers the civil society of this country to seek information from public institutions and hold them answerable. PLD 2010 Lahore 605.

Annex-A MOST IMMEDIATE

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER'S INSPECTION COMMISSION

No. F.1(1)/Member/PMIC/2022

Islamabad, the 13th July, 2022

Subject:

VIOLATION BY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS ON PPRA WEBSITE UNDER PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES, 2004, RULE 47, MIS-PROCUREMENT RULE 50.

Reference is invited to Transparency International Pakistan's letter No. TIP2022/0704/1A dated 4th July, 2022 on the subject cited above (copy enclosed).

2. It is requested to upload the requisite information / data on the official website of Ministry as per relevant rules

(Mohammad Naeem Jan Khan) Member

Secretary,Ministry of Communications, Islamabad.

✓ Copy to Chairperson, Transparency International Pakistan, Karachi, for information.