

20 August 2021

Azam Khan Sahib,  
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister,  
Government of Pakistan,  
PM House,  
Islamabad

**(Reminder 05)**

**Sub: Publication of COVID-19 Procurement Contracts on PPRA website under Public Procurement Rules 2004, Rule 47**

Dear Sir,

This is the fifth reminder that Transparency International Pakistan is writing to your office to seek your attention regarding the publication of Covid-19 related spending contracts on Pakistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority website: <https://www.ppra.org.pk/>

TI Pakistan has informed through its earlier four letters (first letter No.TL2020/05/21/1D dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 is attached as **Annex-A**), that none of the department of federal government is following the Pakistan Public Procurement Rules 2014 Rules No. 47, which raises serious concerns regarding the transparency in the utilization of Covid-related funds.

It may be pointed out that PPRA Rule No. 47 makes it mandatory on all the procuring agencies to publish awarded contracts information, along with BOQ rates on the website of the Pakistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.

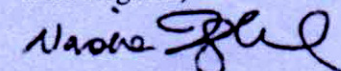
The Supreme Court of Pakistan in **S.M.C. 01/ 2020 on 21 July 2020** has also raised serious questions over the failure to ensure transparency in expenditures pertaining to the coronavirus pandemic. The Supreme Court of Pakistan in the order dated 05.05.2021 has reported that billions of rupees have been paid in cash for the purchase of Covid-related supplies from China such as machines, equipment and the rent of aeroplane which is against the PPRA Rules and financial regulations of the Government of Pakistan.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has also added the requirement to publish all awarded Covid spending Contracts as a mandatory requirement in its 11 new structural benchmarks for Pakistan in April 2021.

The Honorable Prime Minister is again requested to issue directives for the compliance of **PPRA Rule No. 47** and the disclosure of contract information along with BOQ rates for all Covid-19 spending to ensure transparency in the procurement of Covid related supplies.

TI 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.

With Regards,



Justice (R) Nasira Iqbal,  
Vice-Chairperson  
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Chief, National Command Operation Centre, Islamabad
2. Dr. Faisal Sultan, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, Islamabad
3. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Islamabad
4. Chairman, National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Islamabad
5. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan





21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

TL2020/0521/1D

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**(For attention of the Prime Minister)**

**Sub: Publication of the Contracts awarded without Tender, as Direct Contract, on  
PPRA Website under Public Procurement Rules, 2004, Rule 47**

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has noted that procurement are being made by Ministries and Department of the Federal Government and Provincial Governments based on Emergency, using Direct Contracting, under the Public Procurement Rules.2004 for Fed Govt. and respective Public Procurement Rules by the four provinces.

No time can be wasted in public tendering, and rules are made that in such situation, when Emergency is declared, direct contracting is permissible under emergency as defined in these rules and procurement specified under sub-rule 42 (c) of, Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

However, there is no exemption allowed to any procuring agency from Rule 47 ( quoted below). This Rule has been incorporated in order that the rates and prices are known to public, whereby public can scrutinize any overpriced rate/purchase by comparing prices for similar procurements by different departments.

**47. Public access and transparency.-** As soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

It is noted that all departments of Federal government are violating Rule 47, and no contract awarded under rules as direct contract is uploaded on the website of PPRA.

As a result of TI Pakistan's advocacy, the provincial government of Sindh has issued the notification to all the procuring agencies in Sindh who are selecting "alternative methods of procurement – Direct Contracting" advising to hoist the contract award information of all the contracts award on the Authority's website. The notification also requires the procuring agencies that in future the contract award information be hoisted on PMSSPPRA website: [https://ppms.pprasinhd.gov.pk/PPMS/public/portal/contract\\_list](https://ppms.pprasinhd.gov.pk/PPMS/public/portal/contract_list)

Transparency International Pakistan request the Prime Minister to consider application of this rule in all Federal Ministries by the Managing Director of PPRA, by to issuing Notifications that all the procuring agencies who are selecting "alternative methods of



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procurement – Direct Contracting" to also host the contract award information of all the contracts award on the Authority's website, for past and future contracts.

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With Regards,

Sohail Muzaffar,  
Chairman  
Transparency International Pakistan

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1. Chairman NAB, Islamabad.
2. Registrar Supreme Court Of Pakistan, Islamabad.
3. MD PPRA, Islamabad