



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PAKISTAN POST

No.SP.6-9/2020

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SUBJECT:- ALLEGATION OF VIOLATION OF PPRA RULES 2004 BY PAKISTAN POST IN THE CONTRACT FOR DIGITIZATION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AWARDED ON 3RD JUNE, 2020 TO HBL WITH CONDITIONAL INVESTMENT OF RS.118 BILLION IN VIOLATION OF PPRA RULE 2004, AND ALSO IN THE TENDERS INVITED ON 13-02-2021 FOR AGENCY PARTNERSHIP WITH A PUBLIC-SECTOR ORGANIZATION FOR INTEGRATION OF POSTAL SERVICES IN THE DIGITIZATION.

Pakistan Post refers to Transparency International letter No.TIP21/09/08/IA dated 08-09-2021 received in response to this office letter No.SP.6-9/2020 dated 01-09-2021.

2. We are grateful to Transparency International for appreciating Pakistan Post for the steps it is taking to ensure transparency in its procurement with special reference to annulment of PPOD-HBL Agency Alliance Partnership agreement signed on 03-06-2020.
3. As far as TI observation regarding re-invitation of the Tender for Digital Services is concerned, it is clarified that this process has been initiated in compliance of FATF recommendation and on direction of Pakistan Postal Services Management Board to float EOI as per PPRA Rules.
4. It is reiterated and stressed that the current process is being undertaken strictly in accordance with law and after completion of initial formalities, approval of all stakeholders and concerned Divisions will be sought before signing the contract. Everything is being done as per laws of Pakistan and all documents are available for public scrutiny being an attached department of Government of Pakistan.
5. It is categorically informed that no government money will be used whenever this contract is signed and only those services will be offered to general public which as per FATF observations Pakistan Post is not allowed to offer on its own duly earning handsome revenue for

the Government of Pakistan in addition to introducing digitization in all its sub post offices and General Post Offices. Pakistan Post has ensured that the process is done as per PPRA duly uploading evaluation on PPRA website. Therefore there is no requirement of obtaining separate clearance from PPRA and its never done in any procurement.

6. Pakistan Post ,being a national institute with a rich historical heritage, will always safeguard interest of the nation be it related to FATF compliance or enhancing government revenues through all possible means in addition to providing quality and economical services to people of Pakistan.

Regards,



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