

Purchasing power is a license to purchase power.

~ Raoul Vaneigem

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## Message from Secretary Cabinet:

### Mr. Abdul Rauf Chaudhry



Commitment of the Government of Pakistan in combating corruption and instilling transparency in public procurements is articulated by the consistent work of PPRA in grievance redressal, advocacy and capacity building. All these endeavors stand out in tangible terms.

PPRA's concerted efforts in capacity building and constant monitoring of laws and rules have started to show results.

The creation of National Institute of Procurement (NIP) is another laudable step in capacity building on a sustainable and systematic basis. NIP has added another feather to its cap by imparting training in procurement law and rules to the private sector along side the public officials. Prompt and judicious grievance redressal is an essential pre-requisite for ensuring transparency, efficiency, quality and accountability in public procurements. PPRA has taken many effective and consistent measures in this regard by establishing Grievance Redressal Committees in procuring entities strengthened by advising administrative review by the Principal Accounting Officer. This will be followed by 2nd tier independent redressal mechanism, work on which is under deliberation with the World Bank.

Publication of "PPRA Pakistan Gazette" since July 2009 provides useful information on procurement related activities taking place in the country and around the globe is informative for public officials to keep each other informed of procurement activities in public interest. I wish PPRA more success in all its endeavors.

### Capacity Building Program at NIP (PPRA):

The Capacity Building Training Program on "Public Procurement Rules & Procedures", a regular feature of National Institute of Procurement (NIP) conducted on fortnightly basis. The latest session was held on 16-17 February, 2010. This was the 108th batch of the training program with a total number of 19 participants. Usually 02-03 participants from each organization are invited which

caters an element of diversity and brings efficacy in the training workshop. Some of the main procuring agencies whose participants were invited included Institute of Business Administration (IBA)-Karachi, FPSC, and Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP)-Quetta, National Institute of Management (NIM)-Quetta, Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) Karachi and Auditor General of Pakistan. This batch was unique in a way as 9 officers of Pakistan Navy including an officer from Bangladesh Navy participated in the workshop. The course was highly interactive as most of the participants recommended to continue this activity as a regular feature thereby bridging the gap between the supplier and procuring agency.

Mr. Abdul Rauf Ch. Cabinet Secretary was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony of training program. In his remarks he delved on public procurements in general and the role and vision of PPRA in particular. The role of PPRA has attained more importance amid ratings on CPI index of Transparency International. He further said that it is inspiring to note that some good progress has already been made by PPRA and with the passage of time violations committed by the procuring agencies are declining. He also appreciated PPRA team for conducting such an effective workshop for the procuring agencies



There is enough in the world for everyone's need,  
but not enough for everyone's greed.

~ Frank Buchman



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## LAW MAKER VISITS PPRA

Mr. Humayun Saifullah Khan, Member National Assembly from Lakki Marwat gave away certificates at the closing of 107th Capacity Building Training Program on "Public Procurement Rules & Procedures" on 2nd and 3rd February, 2010 at National Institute of Procurement



(NIP). Addressing 20 participants from different public sector procurement entities, he observed that tax collection, public spending and regulation is an essential government function which must ensure credibility, legitimacy and consumer protection. He observed that PPRA should discourage monopoly, collusion and bid rigging to make procurements transparent. There should be a complete independence of the regulator without any external interference. Annual report on procurement practices should be provided to ensure accountability and integrity at the grass root level.

He shared his insight about procurement regimes globally and commended PPRA's role for promoting transparency, accountability, efficiency and quality in public procurements. He also appreciated PPRA's efforts in capacity building of public sector officials which would go a long way in improving governance in the country.

## The Rules Corner

### Public Procurement Rule No. 17: Qualification of suppliers and contractors. -

A procuring agency, at any stage of the procurement proceedings, having credible reasons for or prima facie evidence of any defect in supplier's or contractor's capacities, may require the suppliers or contractors to provide information concerning their professional, technical, financial, legal or managerial competence whether already pre-qualified or not:

Provided that such qualification shall only be laid down after recording reasons therefore in writing. They shall form part of the records of that procurement proceeding.

## Grievance Redressal:

Redressal of Grievances relating to procurements is one of the core functions of PPRA as it has direct impact on

quality, efficiency and economy. PPRA has always given great care and attention to this very sensitive area in order to satisfy its stakeholders. The current fiscal year has witnessed a significant change in the shape of enormous number of complaints received from the aggrieved bidders, which shows the enhanced confidence of bidders in the Authority. A monthly comparative data of CFY Vs PFY is depicted in the following table:

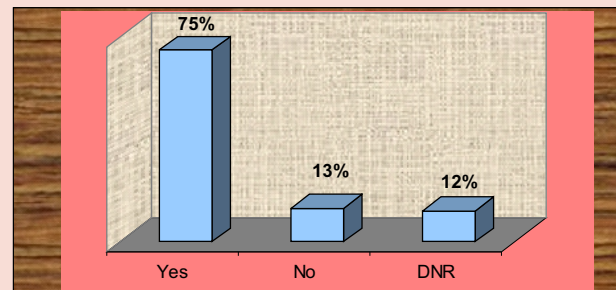
Complaints Received/Disposed off

Months	2009-10	2008-09	Growth %
July	20	3	566.7
August	17	2	750.0
September	27	1	2600.0
October	31	2	1450.0
November	20	3	566.7
December	19	4	375.0
January	19	5	280.0
February	25	4	525.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>641.7</b>

## Impact Evaluation Survey-PPRA (findings part II)

Monitoring is also one of the core functions of PPRA having long lasting impact on transparency, accountability and applicability of PP Rules in letter and spirit. How the procuring agencies perceived the monitoring mechanism of PPRA? In this regard 75% respondents were satisfied with the monitoring mechanism of PPRA (Graph 1).

Graph 1: Monitoring Mechanism of PPRA- Satisfied or Not?



One of the major objectives of monitoring was to indemnify the compliance of PP Rules by the procuring agencies. The Procuring agencies were asked how far the monitoring through tender uploading has been helpful in complying PP Rules, 93% agencies agreed that they have improved the compliance towards PP Rules. Similarly, the

uploading of tenders on PPRA website has also been helpful in reducing the publication cost as 92% respondents agreed that their tender publication cost has been reduced. Some of the respondents also suggested that the tenders should be publicized on website only.

(To be Continued)

## Around the Globe- RIPA INTERNATIONAL (UK)

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