

## NO.SOIII(SGA&CD)3-137/2023 GOVERNMENT OF SINDH SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

Karachi, dated the: 26 December, 2023

To

Mr. Haji Khan Jamali, Chief Engineer (BS-20), Irrigation, Kotri Barrage Region, Hyderabad / Project Director, K.B Feeder Lining Project C/o Secretary, Irrigation Department

SUBJECT: SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule-4-A read with sub-rule(3) of Rule-5 of the Sindh Civil Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules, 1973, I, Chief Secretary, Sindh as an Authorized Officer:-

- am of the opinion that in view of the allegations of misconduct as per details given below, there are sufficient grounds that disciplinary action be taken against you under the said rules; and
- b) have decided that it is not necessary to have an enquiry conducted through an Inquiry Officer or an Inquiry Committee.
- I, therefore, by this Notice inform you, that on the grounds mentioned below, it is proposed to impose on you the penalties in Rule-4 of the said Rules. You are accordingly called upon to Show Cause why the proposed action should not be taken against you.
- 3. Your explanation should reach to the undersigned within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of receipt of this Notice failing which ex-parte decision will be taken against you under the Sindh Civil Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules, 1973. You may also indicate whether you would like to be heard in person.
- 4. The allegations of your misconduct are as under:-
  - That you initiated bidding process unauthorizedly even before the i) Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP)'s permission and got the prequalification of the contractors invitation published in the newspapers on 25-10-2023, despite knowing that your request for ECP permission sent by you to Secretary Irrigation vide letter dated 15-09- 2023, 20-09-2023 and 03-10-2023 for the purpose was still pending with Election Commission of Pakistan and that you allowed your Superintending Engineer Mr. Muhammad Rahim Qureshi to publish the pre-qualification of the contractors invitation on 25-10-2023 though you were not even appointed as Project Director of the K.B Feeder Lining Project as your Notification of appointment of Project Director for Water requirement for K-IV Project Management of Kalri Baghar Feeder and Keenjhar Lake -Plain Cement Concrete (PCC) Lining of Kalri Baghar Feeder Phase-I Project was issued by the SGA&CD on 01-11-2023. As soon as information of your aforesaid unauthorized act was brought into the

knowledge of the Secretary Irrigation, you were issued a displeasure letter by the Secretary Irrigation on 30-10- 2023. And the cancellation/suspension of your unauthorizedly issued pre-qualification of contractors notice was subsequently managed on 06-11-2023 by the Secretary Irrigation personally through Director Information Mr. Imtiaz Joyo and Secretary Information Mr. Nadeem- ur-Rehman.

- As per Managing Director SPPRA letter dated 22-12-2023, the schedule of ii) opening was 13-12-2023 at 03:00 pm, as per NIT / Bidding Documents, however, after expiry of about 1 1/2 hours from schedule of opening, the procuring agency had uploaded / posted corrigendum reference No. PD(CC-Lining KBFU)NIT/2023/22 dated 13-12-2023 on PPMS-SPPRA website. SPPRA letter dated 22-12-2023 adds that having examined the same it appears that out of schedule of issuance of Bid Documents, Submission and Opening, only schedule of opening was revised upto 15-12-2023, whereas, any information, that becomes necessary for bidding, after the invitation to bid or issue of the bidding documents to the interested bidder, it shall be provided in a timely manner on equal opportunity basis and notification of such change, addition, modification or deletion shall be made in a manner similar to the original advertisement in terms of Rule-21(2) of SPP Rules, 2010. SPPRA letter dated 22-10-2023, continues that apart from it, copies of Corrigendum were required to be published in three leading and widely circulated Newspapers i.e. English, Urdu and Sindhi languages in terms of Rule-21(2) of the SPP Rules, 2010. But you failed to comply with the mandatory provisions of the SPPRA Rules and Regulations for the works.
- That consequent to Law Minister / Chairman SPPRA Board letter dated 20-12-2023, addressed to Secretary Irrigation, you were asked for compliance of the orders of Law Minister / Chairman SPPRA Board on same day that is 20-12-2023. Not only soft copy of letter was sent to you via WhatsApp by Special Secretary (Irrigation) on Secretary's telephonic directions (as he was with Chief Minister Sindh in District Mithi / Mirpurkhas) but you were also telephonically directed both by Secretary Irrigation and Special Secretary Irrigation to stop all bidding process but you did not comply.
- iv) That on 20/12/2023 while Secretary Irrigation was in District Mithi / Mirpurkhas due to visit of Chief Minister Sindh, he telephonically checked the status of the bidding process from you. Secretary Irrigation was informed that still technical evaluation is being conducted but in your reports dated 21-12-2023 and 22-12-2023, you communicated that financial evaluation was conducted on 20-12-2023. That time required for technical evaluation of bids for civil work takes several weeks to thoroughly assess and compare bids, considering factors like project specifications, contractor experience, proposed timelines, and cost breakdowns. You showed complete technical evaluation and financial evaluation of a project of around Rs. 40 Billion hastily between 15-12-2023 to 20-12-2023 apparently for the reason that you were due to retire on 26-12-2023. This shows the element of unscrupulousness involvement in the bidding exercise which is quite contrary to requirements of SPPRA rules.

- v) That uploading of the Bid Evaluation Report of the bidders on 21-12-2023 by you despite you received the Law Minister / Chairman SPPRA Board letter dated 20-12-2023, on 20-12-2023 through Special Secretary Irrigation at around 03:00 pm via WhatsApp whereby you were directed to stop all bidding process immediately. This shows the height of your disobedience and defiance of the lawful orders of the superiors which tantamounts to gross misconduct. Managing Director SPPRA confirmed that bid evaluation report had been uploaded on 21-12-2023 at 07:00 PM onwards.
- vi) That you were given conditional National Competitive Bidding (NCB) permission with clear directions to complete all codal formalities as per PC-I and Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010 (Amended up-to-date) including Rule 12 (Limitation on Splitting or Regrouping of Proposed Procurement) & Rule 27 (Pre-qualification of Suppliers & Contractors) of SPPR 2010 (Amended up-to-date) and to proceed in the matter in consultation with SPPRA but Law Minister letter dated 20-12-2023 and Managing Director, SPPRA letter dated 22-12-2023 reveal that you did not consult SPPRA and splitted the procurement without consultation / advice of SPPRA.
- vii) As such, the above acts of dereliction and irregularities on your part tantamount to misconduct.

(DR. MUHAMMAD FAKHRE ALAM)
CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH
AND

AUTHORIZED OFFICER