

Notice to Bidders

- 1. Recently there have been attempts by some bidders, directly and indirectly, to influence the decision of the Central Procurement Board prior to award of contract.
- 2. The Central Procurement Board wishes to draw the attention of bidders that such acts are in breach of **section 58** of the Public Procurement Act which provides that:

"Any person who directly or indirectly, in any manner, influences, or attempts to influence, any member or public official or any member of the Policy Office, the Board, the Review Panel or a public body in the performance of his duties under this Act, shall commit an offence."

Section 60 of the Act further stipulates that:

"Any person who contravenes this Act shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees and to penal servitude for a term not exceeding 8 years."

3. Accordingly any bidder who tries, in any manner, to influence the decision of the Board shall be subject to appropriate action under the Act and the Board may, in application of Clause 4 of "Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bidding documents, reject the proposal of the bidder.

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