



SQUARE 717 ENGINEERING SERVICES (Pvt.) LTD.

Date: July 11, 2026

To

The Chief Engineer (Operation) / Head, Civil Works Division-I
FESCO Headquarters
Faisalabad

Subject: Grievance Regarding Unlawful Restriction on Participation of Private Limited Companies in Tender No. 135 (Reference No. P51059)

Dear Sir,fa

We respectfully submit this grievance regarding the bidding process for **Tender No. 135 – "Construction of 02 No. Set Cat-V Flats at Abdullahpur Colony, FESCO Faisalabad"** bearing **Reference No. P51059**, published on e-PADS v2.0 for the procurement of works under the Annual Development/Procurement Program for FY 2026-27.

It has been observed that the bidding documents, as well as the configuration of the e-PADS v2.0 vendor portal, have effectively **restricted Private Limited Companies from participating** in the subject procurement. The e-PADS system has been configured in such a manner that registered Private Limited Companies are unable to submit bids against the said tender.

This restriction is arbitrary, discriminatory, and contrary to the fundamental principles of public procurement. Under the **Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules, 2004**, all eligible bidders meeting the prescribed qualification criteria are entitled to compete on an equal footing. The procurement process must ensure **fairness, transparency, open competition, and equal opportunity** to all eligible firms without discrimination based solely on their legal status.

A Private Limited Company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), possessing valid PEC registration, income tax registration, sales tax registration (where applicable), and fulfilling all technical, financial, and legal requirements, is fully competent and legally entitled to participate in public procurement. Excluding such companies without any lawful justification is inconsistent with the objectives and spirit of the PPRA Rules, 2004.

Furthermore, disabling the participation option for Private Limited Companies on the e-PADS v2.0 portal amounts to an artificial restriction of competition, which may deprive the procuring agency of receiving competitive bids and obtaining the best value for public funds.

In view of the above, we respectfully request that your good office may kindly:



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1. Immediately remove the restriction imposed on Private Limited Companies from the bidding documents.
2. Rectify the configuration of the e-PADS v2.0 portal to enable eligible Private Limited Companies to participate in the subject tender.
3. Amend the bidding documents, where necessary, to ensure compliance with the Public Procurement Rules, 2004.
4. Extend the bid submission deadline, if required, to provide equal opportunity to all eligible bidders after removal of the restriction.
5. Ensure that future procurements are conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, fairness, equal opportunity, and open competition.

Our company is a duly incorporated Private Limited Company registered with SECP and Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), possessing all statutory registrations required for participation in public procurement. We have successfully executed numerous public sector projects and are fully qualified to compete for the subject work. Denial of participation solely because of our corporate structure is unjustified and prejudicial to fair competition.

We trust that this matter will receive your immediate attention and that necessary corrective measures will be taken promptly to ensure compliance with the Public Procurement Rules and to safeguard the principles of transparent and competitive procurement.

In case the matter is not rectified before the bid submission deadline, we reserve our right to seek appropriate remedies available under the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and other applicable laws.

We look forward to your prompt response and immediate corrective action.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,
For Square 717 Engineering Services (Pvt.) Ltd.

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