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Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority is being frequently approached by different institutions / procuring agencies seeking advice as to whether while considering the competitive rates quoted by different security service firms for security guards, minimum wages announced by the Govt. is to be considered and made the base line while evaluating such bids or otherwise.

2. The cases have been examined in detail in consultation with relevant institutions regulating the laws relating to minimum wages. PPRA is of the view that though the evaluation of bid is the main criteria for selection of bidder yet in case of services (security guards) where minimum wages are required to be considered are be kept in view. The procuring agency must evaluate the bids considering the fact that the rates quoted by the bidders include the base line of minimum wages along with other applicable taxes. Any bid which is devoid of aforementioned parameter might carry the inbuilt tendency to evade the state law / rules which cannot be allowed and taken as an apt discourse or process.

3. The procuring agencies are also advised that while budgeting the expenditure for all services involving minimum wages, must keep in view the base line expenditure which is required to be involved in the bid.

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