



Press Release

ONLINE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM PROCESSES Rs. 8.283 BILLION BILLS

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A total of 77,385 bills have been generated through the Punjab Online Procurement System (POPS) amounting to Rs. 8.283 billion. It was informed in a meeting chaired by Dr. Umar Saif founding Vice Chancellor and Chairman Punjab Information Technology Board here today.

It was further informed that the system developed by PITB allowed departments to process procurement requests from among 82,000 different items commonly used in the public sector. This project is part of Evidence-Based Procurement Reforms of the government. It uses solutions to prevent leakages in payment processes and thus, increase fiscal space available to the government.

The automation of the procurement process (from requesting an item to delivery) and basic accounting and monitoring functions (such as in-office approvals and sanction of funds), has led to improved transparency.

The system has helped find gaps in procurement processes in place across different offices and districts. In some cases a different in price of up to 70% has been found in the purchase of the same item, thus providing policy makers a powerful and useful monitoring mechanism. Currently, the POPS is being used by four departments. Agriculture, Communications and Works, Health and Higher Education. The Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) is in process of rolling it out in more departments.