

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The 98th meeting of the National Accounts Committee meeting to review the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), was held today in the Committee room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The Secretary Statistics Division chaired the meeting. Provisional estimates for the year 2016-17 for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) have been prepared on the basis of the latest data available for six to nine months and projected for the whole year. The estimates of 2014-15 and 2015-16 for GDP and GFCF presented before the last meeting of National Accounts Committee (NAC), held on May 20, 2016 at Islamabad, have been updated based on the latest available information and were also presented.

The provisional GDP estimate for the year 2016-17 has grown by 5.28 percent. The growth of the agricultural, industrial and services sectors is 3.46%, 5.02% and 5.98% respectively (**Table**). The sectors are discussed below briefly.

Agricultural Sector: The agriculture sector grew by 3.46%. The growth of crops during this year, is 3.02%. The growth in production of five important crops namely wheat, maize, rice, sugarcane and cotton is estimated at 0.5%, 16.3%, 0.7%, 12.4% and 7.6% respectively. Livestock sector registered a normal growth of 3.43% %.

Industrial Sector: The overall industrial sector shows an increase of 5.02% provisionally. The mining and quarrying sector grows by 1.34%. The large scale manufacturing sector is driven primarily on QIM data (from July 2016 to March 2017) which shows an increase of 5.06%. Major contributors to this growth are sugar (29.33%), cement (7.19%), tractors (72.9%), trucks (39.31%) and buses (19.71%). Electricity and gas sub sector shows low growth (3.40%) due to reduced subsidies for WAPDA & its companies and KESC. The construction activity increased by 9.05%.

Services Sector: The services sector shows a growth of 5.98%. Wholesale and retail trade sector grew at a rate of 6.82%. It is dependent on the output of agriculture and manufacturing and imports. Agriculture increased by 3.46%, Manufacturing increased by 5.27% and Imports increased by 19.32%. Transport, storage and communication sector grew at a rate of 3.94%. Finance and insurance sector shows an overall increase of 10.77%, mainly because of high growth of deposits (15%) and loans (11%). General government services grew by 6.91%. It is mainly driven by the increase in salaries and the inflation. Other private services contributed positively..

Details are given in the table below.

Gross Domestic Product of Pakistan (at constant basic prices of 2005-06)

S. No	Sector/Industry	Rs.Million			Growth Rates			Contribution to GDP Growth 2016-17
		2014-15 (F)	2015-16 (R)	2016-17 (P)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
A.	Agricultural Sector	2202043	2208087	2284561	2.13	0.27	3.46	0.69
-	<u>1. Crops (i+ii+iii)</u>	<u>868494</u>	<u>825348</u>	<u>850273</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>-4.97</u>	<u>3.02</u>	<u>0.22</u>
	i) Important Crops	553568	523312	544877	-1.62	-5.47	4.12	0.19
	ii) Other Crops	250006	251477	252013	2.51	0.59	0.21	0.00
	iii) Cotton Ginning	64920	50559	53383	7.24	-22.12	5.59	0.03
	2. Livestock	1246512	1288368	1332576	3.99	3.36	3.43	0.40
	3. Forestry	40761	46592	53344	-12.45	14.31	14.49	0.06
	4. Fishing	46276	47779	48368	5.75	3.25	1.23	0.01
B.	Industrial Sector	2198027	2325437	2442196	5.18	5.80	5.02	1.05
	1. Mining and Quarrying	313707	335241	339747	4.97	6.86	1.34	0.04
	<u>2. Manufacturing</u>	<u>1441461</u>	<u>1494169</u>	<u>1572948</u>	<u>3.88</u>	<u>3.66</u>	<u>5.27</u>	<u>0.71</u>
	i) Large Scale	1159052	1193143	1251976	3.28	2.94	4.93	0.53
	ii) Small Scale	183607	198654	214907	8.21	8.20	8.18	0.15
	iii) Slaughtering	98802	102372	106065	3.34	3.61	3.61	0.03
	3 Electricity generation & distribution and Gas distribution	186174	201873	208732	13.48	8.43	3.40	0.06
	4. Construction	256685	294154	320769	7.26	14.60	9.05	0.24
	Commodity Producing Sectors (A+B)	4400070	4533524	4726757	3.63	3.03	4.26	1.74
C.	Services Sectors	6231579	6577139	6970204	4.36	5.55	5.98	3.54
	1. Wholesale & Retail trade	1943612	2026307	2164404	2.60	4.25	6.82	1.24
	2. Transport, Storage & Communication	1424255	1492876	1551714	5.07	4.82	3.94	0.53
	3. Finance & Insurance	335448	355969	394319	6.35	6.12	10.77	0.35
	4. Housing Services (OD)	718674	747347	777160	3.99	3.99	3.99	0.27
	5. General Government Services	758746	832505	890047	4.82	9.72	6.91	0.52
	6. Other Private Services	1050844	1122135	1192560	6.06	6.78	6.28	0.63
D.	Total GVA	10631649	11110663	11696961	4.06	4.51	5.28	5.28