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MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The 8th meeting of the Governing Council of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) was held on 29th April, 2015. The Chairman Governing Council/Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Federal Finance Minister chaired the meeting. At the outset, he welcomed the members of the Governing Council and other participants of the meeting.

After adoption of the agenda, the Chief Statistician /Secretary of the Governing Council, Mr. Asif Bajwa briefed the meeting about the implementation status of the decisions taken in the last meeting. Conduct of Population & Housing Census in the country was the main item in the agenda to be discussed. The Member/Secretary informed the house that CCI in its meeting held on 18th March, 2015 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister approved the conduct of Population and Housing Census in March-2016 with the assistance of armed forces.

The proposed budget for the population and housing census to the tune of Rs.14500 million was approved which will be shared by the Provinces. The Member/Secretary informed that PBS has initiated number of preparatory actions and prepared activity calendar by fixing the time schedule of each activity with its target dates. The activity calendar in the meeting was got approved by the Governing Council with slight changes in the completion dates. The preliminary results of population census will be available by June, 2016. The chair desired that all other activities including preparation of district-wise data / reports may be completed up to December, 2017.

The chair was briefed about the methodology to be used in the Census-2016 along with major questions to be asked in the Census Operation. The chair desired that a comparative analysis of methodology used in



Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chairing the 8th meeting of Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics held on 29th April, 2015

the 1998-Census and proposed for Census-2016 may be made and same may be presented in the next meeting of the Governing Council to avoid any loop-hole in the process.

A proposal was presented to set up a National Census Apex Committee. The chair approved the composition of the proposed Committee. The chair also desired that Technical Committees on various subjects may be formed separately by including experts of relevant fields and members of the Governing Council. The PBS may bring their composition in the next meeting for approval. The chair also desired that consultative meetings may be held with the experts with in the country and at international level to ensure a successful census. The budget for the census was presented. The Governing Council agreed to the bloc allocation proposed. The Finance Secretary also assured that adequate funds would be made available as and when required.

The chair desired that it should be ensured that no census activities should be hampered due to non-availability of financial resources in time. The chair categorically directed that funds required for the purpose will be provided on demand basis. Briefings on the conduct of Agriculture, Livestock and Machinery Census and on the Re-basing of National Accounts were made. The Governing Council expressed satisfaction on the progress, however, PBS was asked to ensure that these actions should not hinder the Census-2016.

Dr. Zeba Sathar, Member, Governing Council/Chairperson of the Review Committee on General Statistics (Re-organization) Act, 2011 informed the house that the Review Committee was of the view that no major changes are required in the Act at this stage. However, if issues arises at any stage the same could be resolved through amendments in the draft Governing Council (Procedure & Conduct of Business) Rules.

The PBS thanked the chair and all other concerned for regularization of 256 PSLM project employees and continuation of this activity on regular basis. The Member Governing Council was of the view that data being collected through PSLM survey may be given due projection and this data may be used by all concerned in the planning process. The participants were of the view that a seminar at national level may be organized. The chair agreed to the proposal.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the participants by the chair.



Federal Minister for National Food Security, Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan along with Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS during a Training Seminar held at PBS (HQ) Islamabad

TRAINING SEMINAR ON PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS OF DATA FOR SURVEYS / ASSESMENTS [METHODOLOGY AND SOFTWARE]

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad in collaboration and consultation with the Economic Wing of Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad, organized a three days Training Seminar on "Training and Analysis of Data for Surveys / Assesments (Methodology and Software) held at PBS (Headquarters) Islamabad from 10th to 12th June, 2015.

The training emphasized on the application of the technologies for collection of agriculture data, analysis, estimation using SPSS and Stata software. Federal Minister for National Food Security Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan attended the training as Chief Guest on the closing day of the training, he also distributed the certificates of the training to the participants.

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2016

The Council of Common Interest (CCI) in its meeting held on 18th March, 2015 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif approved the conduct of Population and Housing Census of Pakistan in March 2016 under the supervision of armed forces.

A census is a stocktaking of human resource of a country and in modern times has ceased to be a mere head count. Besides identifying people in places and ascertaining their personal characteristics pertaining to age, sex, marital status, education and economic characteristics, are also recorded including migration. With such a large scope of enquiries the census data has diverse application and uses.

Initial census planning and preparation entailing questionnaire designing, census mapping, delimitation, updation of area lists, establishment of census advisory committee, expansion and setting up of field offices are already completed for holding a free, fair and transparent census to produce reliable data on population and housing characteristics.

Several meetings of officers of PBS to review the 6th Population and Housing Census in the country were held under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad. In this regard following committees have been constituted.

- (i) Technical Committee
- (ii) Sample Design Committee
- (iii) Training Committee

The Technical Committee has been formed under the supervision of Mr. Muhammad Saeed, Census Commissioner (Retd) to review the census and training material i.e. Instruction Manuals, Field Operation Plan, training manuals for House Listing Operation (HLO),

Big Count, Sample Count and Form-I alongwith other forms i.e. REN, Control Forms. The Technical Committee finalized the manual of instructions and Form-I and pretested in the field to check its usefulness in the upcoming Census 2016.

The Sample Design Committee has been formed under the supervision of Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member (NA) to take up the matter and finalize the Sample Design for the Census 2016.

The Training Committee was formed under the supervision of Mr. Habibullah Khan, Census Commissioner (Retd) to prepare a comprehensive training plan for Master Trainers, Trainers and Field Staff.

The activity plan for 6th Population & Housing Census has been approved by the Chairman Governing Council/Minister for Finance, Muhammad Ishaq Dar. He has also constituted National Census Apex Committee comprising of representatives of Federal Government, Provincial Governments and other Organizations/Reserach Institutions who are directly involved with census activities.

TORs of National Census Apex Committee are as under:

- (i) Oversee the census activities to ensure an expeditious, transparent and credible Census.
 - (ii) Advise on all policy issues in context of holding of Sixth Population and Housing Census.
 - (iii) Coordinate all concerned Federal and Provincial Ministries, Divisions, Departments and Organizations for successful conduct of Census 2016 operation.
 - (iv) Any other activity required from time to time.
- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics requested all Chief Secretaries of Provincial Governments including AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan to seek assistance of Provincial Governments for successful conduct of Census.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics chairing a meeting regarding preparation of 6th Population and Housing Census, 2016 held at PBS (Headquarters) Islamabad

PRICE STATISTICS

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics compute various types of price indices in order to provide data to the Planners, Policy Makers and Economic Analysts.

Price Statistics include collection of Retail and Wholesale prices and computation of following indices.

1. Consumer Price Index (CPI)
2. Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
3. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI)

Monthly Analysis

The latest data of CPI, WPI and SPI on new base of 2007-08 are given below.

% Change of CPI, WPI and SPI for the month of June, 2015

Index	Average July - June % Change		% Change June over June	
	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14
CPI	4.53	8.62	3.16	8.22
SPI	1.74	9.30	1.12	6.24
WPI	-0.30	8.15	-1.97	7.73

1. CPI inflation, General, increased by 3.2% on year-on-year basis in June 2015 as compared to 3.2% in May 2015 and by 8.2% in June 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.6% in June 2015 as compared to increase of 0.8% in May 2015 and 0.6% in June 2014.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 4.6% on year-on-year basis in June 2015 as compared to 4.9% in May 2015 and by 8.7% in June 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.1% in June 2015 as compared to no change in May 2015 and 0.4% in June 2014.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 3.8% on year-on-year basis in June 2015 as compared to 3.9% in May 2015 and by 7.9% in June 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.2% in June 2015 as compared to increase of 0.1% in May 2015 and an increase of 0.3% in June 2014.

4. SPI inflation on year-on-year basis increased by 1.1% in June 2015 as compared to increase of 1.2% in May 2015 and an increase of 6.2% in June 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased 1.0% in June 2015 as compared to an increase of 1.3% in May 2015 and increase of 1.1% in June 2014.

5. WPI inflation on year-on-year basis decreased by 2.0% in June 2015 as compared to decrease of 1.8% in May 2015 and an increase of 7.7% in June 2014. WPI inflation on month-on-month basis, it increased by 1.2% in June 2015 as compared to an increase of 1.1% in May 2015 and increase of 1.4% in June 2014.

Inflation

Period	CPI						Core Inflation				SPI**		WPI	
	General		Food		Non Food		NFNE*		Trimmed		YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM				
April, 15	2.1	1.3	0.0	1.4	3.7	1.3	5.4	1.4	3.1	0.6	-1.6	0.4	-2.9	0.9
May, 15	3.2	0.8	3.0	1.8	3.3	0.0	4.9	0.0	3.9	0.1	1.2	1.3	-1.8	1.1
June, 15	3.2	0.6	3.2	1.2	3.2	0.2	4.6	0.1	3.8	0.2	1.1	1.0	-2.0	1.2

*non-food non energy,
**quintile 1

Weekly Analysis

The latest weekly Price Indicator (SPI) percentage changes with base 2007-08 = 100 covering 17 urban centers and 53 essential

items for all income quintiles and combined income group for the month of June, 2015 are given below:-

Percentage Change as compared to Previous Month

	Income Groups					Combined
	Q1 (Up to Rs. 8000)	Q2 (Rs. 8001 - 12000)	Q3 (Rs. 12001 - 18000)	Q4 (Rs. 18001 - 35000)	Q5 (Above Rs. 35000)	
June, 2015	0.99	1.05	1.15	1.31	1.56	1.33

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during May, 2015 amounted to Rs.198,851 million (provisional) as against Rs. 202,874 million (provisional) in April, 2015 and Rs.208,316 million during May, 2014 showing a decrease of 1.98% over April, 2015 and of 4.54% over May, 2014.

2) In terms of US dollars the exports in May, 2015 was \$ 1,953 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,995 million (provisional) in April, 2015 showing a decrease of 2.11% and by 7.57% as compared to \$ 2,113 million in May, 2014.

3) Exports during July - May, 2014 - 2015 totalled Rs.2,214,528 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,384,782 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.14%.

4) In terms of US dollars the exports during July - May, 2014 - 2015 totalled \$ 21,869 million (provisional) against \$ 23,092 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.3%.

5) Main commodities of exports during May, 2015 were Knitwear (Rs.22,602 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,444 million), Readymade garments (Rs.19,118 million), Bedwear (Rs.17,576 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.13,709 million), Rice others (Rs.11,605 million), Towels (Rs.6,749 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,399 million), Sugar (Rs.5,587 million) and Leather tanned (Rs.4,474 million).

The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during May, 2015 over April, 2015 and May, 2014 is given below:

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2015 over	
		April 2015	May 2014
1	Knitwear	16.53	-8.43
2	Cotton cloth	-9.23	-12.96
3	Readymade garments	7.87	32.72
4	Bedwear	-2.64	-6.86
5	Cotton yarn	9.26	-4.96
6	Rice others	-17.04	57.72
7	Towels	3.34	-6.28
8	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	13.90	4.54
9	Sugar	26.09	650.94
10	Leather tanned	7.08	-24.72

IMPORTS

6) Imports into Pakistan during May, 2015 amounted to Rs.391,632 million (provisional) as against Rs. 385,483 million (provisional) in April, 2015 and Rs.361,817 million during May, 2014 showing an increase of 1.60% over April, 2015 and of 8.24 over May, 2014.

7) In terms of US dollars the imports in May, 2015 was \$ 3,847 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,790 million (provisional) in April, 2015 showing an increase of 1.50% and by 4.82% as compared to \$ 3,670 million in May, 2014.

8) Imports during July - May, 2014 - 2015 totalled Rs.4,212,557 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,205,292 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.17%.

9) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - May, 2014 - 2015 totalled \$ 41,585 million (provisional) as against \$ 40,755 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.04%.

10) Main commodities of imports during May, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.67,184 million), Plastic materials (Rs.18,187 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.16,399 million), Iron & steel (Rs.15,939 million), Palm oil (Rs.14,280 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.10,593 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.10,359 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.9,818 million), Medicinal products (Rs.8,198 million) and Aircrafts, ships & boats (Rs.7,908 million).

The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during May, 2015 over April, 2015 and May, 2014 is given below:

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2015 over	
		April 2015	May 2014
1	Petroleum products	14.18	-3.29
2	Plastic materials	7.12	17.88
3	Petroleum crude	-58.23	-66.04
4	Iron & Steel	-20.67	14.63
5	Palm oil	20.05	1.92
6	Power generating machinery	-35.90	2.06
7	Electrical machinery & apparatus	20.26	6.89
8	Iron & steel scrap	1.20	24.06
9	Medicinal products	21.99	63.37
10	Aircrafts, ships & boats	86.33	59.11

AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2016

The Governing Council has approved that Agricultural Census will be conducted in 2016. This census will cover agriculture land, crops, livestock and agricultural machinery.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Advisory committee meeting regarding Agriculture Census 2016 was held on 15th June, 2015 in the committee room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Lahore under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS. The Senior Officers from four provinces of Agriculture Departments, Livestock Departments, Bureaus of Statistics and Planning & Development Departments, Professors from the Universities, the Heads of Research Organizations, the Heads of Provincial Crop Reporting Services, Progressive Farmers, President ZariTaraqati Bank, Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security and Senior Officers from different Federal Departments, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir attended the meeting. Their valuable comments on agenda items regarding census methodology, sample design, field operation, compilation/limits of National Certainty Holdings (NCHs) and Mouza Certainty Holdings (MCHs), census questionnaires, data processing, tabulation plan and publication plan added a lot for the development of census procedure. The participants of meeting commented and discussed each agenda items in detail and put their suggestions for improvement of census particularly census questionnaires. They suggested improvements in proposed census methodology, sample design, field operation strategy and questionnaires.

QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGNING

The census questionnaires are considered to be the basic census documents and are of key importance to success of the census. A questionnaire becomes the vehicle for collecting the desired information. Keeping in view the importance, new questionnaires were designed and presented in the meeting of Advisory Committee. In the light of comments and valuable suggestions by the members of Advisory Committee questionnaires have been improved and sent to the PBS headquarters, Islamabad.

SAMPLE SELECTION OF MAUZAS

Proposed sample design was presented in the meeting of Advisory Committee. The sample selection of Mouzas /blocks will be done at Sample Design Section of PBS (HQ), Islamabad.

TRAINING

Mr. Khurshid Ahmed, Joint Agricultural Census Commissioner attended the training course on "Communication and Advocacy for Agricultural Statistics" with effect from 20-04-2015 to 24-04-2015 at Beijing, China.

Mr. Muhammad Naveed Asif Mirza, Assistant Agricultural Census Commissioner (Admn), attended workshop on "Total Quality Management for Public Sector" held from 15-06-2015 to 17-06-2015, at Cabinet Secretariat Establishment Division Management Service Wing, Lahore.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics alongwith participants of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Census 2016 held on 15th June, 2015 at PBS, Lahore

RETIREMENTS IN PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The following officers of Statistics Division / PBS retired from service :

- ❖ Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari Secretary, Statistics Division, Islamabad on 19th May, 2015.
- ❖ Rana Muhammad Akram Khan, Agricultural Census Commissioner, PBS, Lahore on 4th April, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Joint Census Commissioner, PBS, Islamabad on 14th March, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz, Joint Census Commissioner, PBS, Peshawar on 14th April, 2015.
- ❖ Ms. Raana Sami, Director (Admn), PBS, Karachi on 30th June, 2015.
- ❖ Haji Bahadur, Chief System Analyst, PBS, Islamabad on 4th April, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Khalid Rauf Sheikh, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Karachi on 12th April, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Noor Shahid, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Islamabad on 19th April, 2015.
- ❖ Rana Muhammad Ismail, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Islamabad on 11th May, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Khalid Mahmood, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Karachi on 13th June, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Arshad Mahmood-II, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Islamabad on 13th April, 2015.

- ❖ Mr. Amjad Javed, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Islamabad on 18th May, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Ajeebullah Arian, Assistant Census Commissioner, PBS, Karachi on 6th June, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Bashir Ahmed Jamali, Statistical Officer, PBS, Nawabshah on 5th May, 2015
- ❖ Mr. Muhammad Amin Ansari, Statistical Officer, PBS, Karachi on 9th May, 2015
- ❖ Mr. Wali Muhammad, Statistical Officer, PBS, Karachi on 14th May, 2015
- ❖ Mr. Ghulam Mustafa-II, Statistical Officer, PBS, Gujranwala on 31st May, 2015
- ❖ Mr. S. Sajawal Shah, Statistical Officer, PBS, Peshawar on 2nd June, 2015
- ❖ Mr. M. Iqbal Hussain Shah, Statistical Officer, PBS, Faisalabad on 17th June, 2015
- ❖ Mr. Imran Khan, Statistical Officer, PBS, Rawalpindi on 19th June, 2015

PROMOTION:

- ❖ Mr. Dhani Bax Channa, Ministerial Assistant, PBS, Lahore promoted to the post of Deputy Assistant Director on 12th May, 2015



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics expressing his views at the farewell party of Rana Muhammad Akram Khan, Agricultural Census Commissioner at Lahore

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

PRICE STATISTICS/INDICES

i. Weekly Prices & Release of Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

Weekly Prices of 53 essential items from 17 urban centres were collected. Sensitive Price Indicators (SPI) for 53 essential items with base year 2007-08 for each Income Group and Combined were compiled for release according to prescribed schedule

ii. Consumer and Wholesale Price Indices

Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the month of May, 2015 have been finalized.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

- Monthly Review of Foreign Trade Data for the month of February, 2015 has been issued.
- The unit value indices, quantum indices and terms of trade of exports and imports (all groups) for the month of February, 2015 remained in progress.
- Checking of import/export data for the month of March, 2015 remained in progress.
- Listing / checking of import/export data for the month of April, 2015 remained in progress.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS STATISTICS

- The estimates of Gross Value Added (GVA) for the years 2012-13 (Final), 2013-14 (Revised) and 2014-15 (Provisional) has been Finalized.
- The GFCF estimates for the years 2012-13(Final), 2013-14 (Revised) and 2014-15 (Provisional) of different sectors has been finalized.
- Work on the National Health Accounts Report 2013-14 remained in progress.
- Work on quarterly National Accounts in accordance with the decision of the 8th meeting of Governing Council remained in progress. The Governing Council of PBS in its 8th meeting has decided that " as the change of base is in progress therefore issuance of quarterly national account may be started with the new base".

The National Accounts Committee meeting, chaired by the Secretary Statistics Division, was held on May 18th 2015, in the committee room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics at Islamabad, to review the estimates of GDP. Provisional estimates for the year 2014-15 for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) have been prepared on the basis of the latest data available. These estimates are based on six to nine months provisional information projected for the whole year.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICAL SERIES

As one of the regular activities of PBS, collection, compilation and updating of data for the various socio-economic Statistical Series i.e. Agriculture, Foreign Trade, Balance of payments, Climate, Education, Energy & Mining, Health, Money and Credit, Manufacturing, Prices, Public Finance, Social Sector, Transport & Communication, Stock Exchange etc. with varying periodicity remained in progress

PROGRESS ON ONGOING CENSUSES/SURVEYS OF PBS PSLM (Provincial Level 2013-2014)

Field work, retrieval of schedules from the field, editing/coding of filled in questionnaires and Data Cleaning have been completed. Report writing of the survey is in progress.

PSLM (District Level 2014-2015)

96% field work, 85% retrieval of schedules from the field, 78% editing/coding of filled in questionnaires, and 40% Data Processing have been completed.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2014-15

Quarter-III

95% field work, 94% retrieval of schedules from the field 94% editing/coding and 60% Data Processing has been completed.

Quarter-IV

28% field work, 18% retrieval of schedules from the field and 18% editing/coding has been completed.

DATA PROCESSING CENTRES

Data Processing of the following on-going Censuses/Surveys of PBS remained in progress.

i. LFS 3rd Quarter 2014-15.

ii. PSLM (District level)- 2014-2015

iii. Annual Contraceptive Performance Report 2013- 2014 has been finalized.

SUPPLY OF DATA TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

As one of the regular activities of PBS, supply of data to Government/Semi-Government organizations and other national & international agencies continued during the reporting period.

QUANTUM INDEX OF MANUFACTURING

Quantum Index of Manufacturing (QIM) measures the changes in production of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) over time on monthly as well as cumulative basis. The weights presently used for the QIM have been derived from the Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI) 2005-06, 112 items with total weight of 70.33 % of value added are being used for computation of QIM. The production data is collected from Oil Advisory Committee (OCAC), Ministry of Industries and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics.

The provisional quantum indices of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) for April, 2015 with base year 2005-06, have been developed on the basis of latest data supplied by the source agencies. The indices for July - April, 2014-15 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are given below

SOURCE	Indices for July - April		Change %	Growth Impact
	2014-2015	2013-2014		
1 OCAC	103.08	97.91	5.29	0.32
2 Ministry of Industries	121.69	119.40	1.92	1.32
3 Provincial BOS	149.31	142.10	5.08	1.28
4 OVER ALL	126.29	122.70	-	2.93

The over-all output of LSMI increased by 2.93% for July-April, 2014-15 as compared to July-April, 2013-14.

The indices for April, 2015 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are as follows

SOURCE	Indices			Change %		Growth Impact	
	April 2015	April 2014	March 2015	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY
1 OCAC	116.43	93.12	111.61	4.31	25.03	0.26	1.44
2 Ministry of Industries	124.64	118.85	143.98	-13.43	4.88	-9.51	3.28
3 Provincial BOS	154.73	153.09	151.82	1.92	1.07	0.44	0.29
4 OVER ALL	130.59	124.35	143.20	-	-	-8.81	5.01

The LSMI output increased by 5.01% for April, 2015 as compared to April, 2014 and decreased by 8.81% if compared with March, 2015.

As a result, overall Large Scale Manufacturing Sector has shown growth of 2.93% during July - April 2014-15 when compared with the same period of last year.

MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR CHANGE OF BASE OF PRICE INDICES

The first meeting of Technical Committee for change of base of price indices was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) on 17th June, 2015 in the Committee Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad.

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed the participants of the meeting. After some general discussion, the meeting took up following Agenda Items:

- i. Design of Survey for weights system
- ii. Questionnaire of Survey for weights system
- iii. Proposed basket of goods & services
- iv. Selection of cities and rural centres for computation of CPI base 2015-16
- v. Data collection for new base

A multimedia presentation on the above mentioned agenda items were jointly given by the Director (Price Statistics) and Director (PSLM). Moreover, background of rebasing of price indices in Pakistan and comparison of current design with new proposed design were also covered in the presentation.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics opened the discussion on comparison of current and new proposed design of survey. He informed the meeting that current design is urban based whereas, in new design both urban and rural areas are proposed to be included. Member(NA), Pakistan Bureau of Statistics briefed the meeting that current design actually based upon development of weights at city level whereas, national level weights with urban & rural break-up are proposed in new design i.e. Household Integrated Income and Consumption Survey (HIICS) 2015-16. He further explained that sample size has been reduced due to proposed computation of weights at national level with urban rural break-up rather than computing these weights at city level as per existing practice.

Dr. N.M. Larik, former DG, FBS inquired about handling of rural markets in the absence of well-established markets in rural areas. Member (NA) responded that list of rural markets presented before the Committee is based upon the information gathered from regional/field offices of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.



Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and Member of the Governing Council of PBS chairing the 1st meeting of Technical Committee for Change of Base of Price Indices held on 17th June, 2015 at PBS (HQ), Islamabad

MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR CHANGE OF BASE OF PRICE INDICES

Dr. Aziz ullah Khattak, Director (Statistics), State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) suggested to use urban prices and rural area weights for computation of rural CPI. He further informed that this practice has been adopted by several countries. The Chair responded that if heterogeneity in prices of urban and rural markets is significant then we cannot adopt this method. However, we may drop collection of prices from rural markets in case of homogeneous prices in both urban and rural areas.

Dr. Zahid Asghar, Associate Professor(Stat), Quaid-e-Azam University asked about the reasons of reduction in number of cities and markets in new proposed base. Member(NA), PBS responded that three small cities, two from Punjab and one from KPK are proposed to be dropped as the variation in prices in these cities is not significant. Moreover, 16 rural centers are proposed to be included. The number of markets in big cities is proposed to be reduced again keeping in view less significant variation in prices between markets of same city.

Mr. Ejaz Hussain Wasti, Economic Adviser, Finance Division proposed to include areas like FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir for the purpose of computation of CPI. Member(NA) responded that FATA is hard area to cover and we do not publish the results of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. Dr. Nadeem Javaid, Chief Economist, Planning Commission suggested for inclusion of rural markets at reasonable distance from urban centers. He proposed that distance of rural centres from urban area must be kept in mind while selecting rural markets.

Dr. Shujat Ali, Addl. Secretary (Budget), Finance Division enquired about reasons of reduction in sample size. Member (NA) responded that sample size of HIICS has been reduced as it is a national level survey with urban and rural break-up. We do not need city level weights. Therefore, due to reduction in number of domains the sample size has been reduced. Mr. Saghir Pervaiz Ghauri, JD, SBP asked whether deletion of any topic/part will create any inconsistency with previous HIES survey or not. Director (PSLM) responded that HIICS is different from HIES. The chair enquired whether it will be possible to extract both HIES and Family Budget Survey from HIICS. Director (PSLM) responded that it is possible.

Dr. Aziz ullah Khattak proposed to use only male questionnaire. Member(NA) responded that the methodology of HIES will be adopted for HIICS to keep the methodology consistent. Dr. Sajjad Akhtar, Independent Researcher asked why employment is included in the female questionnaire. Director(PSLM) responded that it is included in both male and female questionnaires. Dr. Aziz ullah Khattak, Director (Statistics), SBP suggested for deletion of social part of HIICS. Director (PSLM) responded that education and employment are essential. The Chair directed to remove Section-III relating to Diarrhea and immunization from the questionnaire. Dr. G.M. Arif, joint Director, PIDE suggested that strawberry may be taken as an independent item in questionnaire. Mr. Iftikhar Cheema, Consultant, OPM suggested to include Sari in the list of items of CPI.

Dr. Zahid Asghar, Associate Professor, QAU informed that fixation of prices of pharmaceuticals is a problem as CPI is not representative. The Chief Statistician responded that the price fixation issues may be taken up independently. Dr. G.M. Arif, JD, PIDE suggested to shift Hostel under the category of Education which was agreed. DR. G.M. Arif, JD, PIDE commented that proposed rural markets are very near to urban centres and may have similar price movement as that of urban. Member(NA) informed that these are rural markets at divisional level. Dr. Zahid Asghar proposed to include D.G. Khan area rural market.

The following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

- i. Sections 3a & 3b be excluded from the questionnaire
- ii. Items like pencils, fountain pen etc. may be placed under the heading of Education.
- iii. Sari may be included in the questionnaire under heading of clothing
- iv. Number of cities be reduced if there is no heterogeneity in the prices between cities. If there is heterogeneity, sample design be revised. Results will be discussed in the next meeting.
- v. Questionnaire should be pre tested.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.



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VISIT OF PAKISTANI MISSION TO IRAN

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Statistical Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran (SCI) have signed MoU on 11 May, 2014, to expand and promote bilateral statistical cooperation. On the invitation of SCI, Dr. Bahrawar Jan visited Iran, from June 12-16, 2015, for consultation and in-depth deliberations in regard to operationalization of MoU. The cooperation framework includes statistical quality management, statistical metadata, data mining, data confidentiality, ICT application in census and in sample surveys, state-of-the-art sampling methods, statistical standards, administrative data (Registers) and the role of executive organization, private sector's contribution to statistical activities, long and short terms statistical policies, the concept of national statistical system and the role of National Statistical Offices (NSOs'), organizing and managing the NSO staff and budget, the training programme for the NSO staff in central office and provincial offices and those in statistical units of other departments, exchange of expert groups and researchers and holding short-terms training courses.

The SCI has an established system of data collection, compilation and reporting, working under the Vice Presidency of Planning and Management Organization, with the guidance of High Council of Statistics. The statistical system of Iran is twofold, integrated in output and decentralized in functions. The Iranian system is working on public private partnership, as field activity is with private organizations separately under each provincial government and compilation, processing and dissemination is

centralized, supervised by SCI. They have developed a new software of data collection, compilation, processing and dissemination using android, tablet and internet known as SIJAD software. They are conducting all kind of surveys including agriculture census through use of SIJAD software. They have also planned to conduct next population census in 2016 through use of paperless SIJAD system.

They have established a registration system known as IRANSTARS, containing Population Register, Activity Register, Business Register and Real Estate/Land Register regularly updated in connection with other government departments. They have established a very sound system of all kind of national accounts, which include annual and quarterly national accounts, regional accounts, sectorial accounts and input output tables. At the end, the head of SCI agreed to visit Islamic Republic of Pakistan in November 2015, to understand the Pakistani statistical system, structure and field activities in regard to census and surveys.

FAREWELL TO SECRETARY, STATISTICS DIVISION

A farewell party was organized by the senior officers of PBS at the Islamabad club in the honour of Mr. Shahid Rashid, Secretary, Statistics Division on his retirement from service. The farewell party was attended by all the senior officers including Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS, Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member(NA), PBS, Mr. Tariq Malik, Member(SS) PBS and Ms. Samina A. Hassan, Senior Joint Secretary, Statistics Division, Islamabad.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS alongwith senior officers of PBS and Statistics Division at the farewell party of Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari, Secretary Statistics Division on his retirement held at Islamabad

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