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MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The fifth meeting of the Governing Council of PBS was held on 9th December, 2013 in the Committee Room of the Finance Division under the chairmanship of Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization. The meeting was attended by the members of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and senior officers of PBS.

The meeting commenced with the recitation from the Holy Qura'an. The governing council adopted the agenda of the meeting. The members of the Governing Council were apprised of the implementation status of the decisions of the 4th meeting and showed satisfaction on the progress made thereon.

The house informed that Governing Council (Procedures and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2011 remained under consideration in the last four meetings.

It was informed that employees working in the PSLM Project were appointed in the Project PIHS on contract basis. Thereafter their services were utilized in different censuses and surveys. Since 2004 they are working in the PSLM Project which will continue up to 30th June, 2015.

It was informed that a Summary to hold the 6th Population and Housing Census in the country was prepared and sent to the Minister for its placement on Agenda of the CCI.

The Governing Council was informed that Pakistan Demographic Survey is a regular annual activity of PBS which has not been undertaken since 2007 since each year was declared as a census year and then census was delayed. It was proposed that launching of PDS in the year 2014 be approved.



Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chairing the meeting of Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in Islamabad on December 9, 2013

The members of the Governing Council were informed that Pakistan Bureau of Statistics intends to set up Data Producers Council to have a platform for major producers in the country. It was informed that PBS intends to change the base of National Accounts from 2005-06 to 2015-16.

It was informed that area frame developed by the PBS has two domains i.e. urban area frame and rural area frame. The meeting was informed that PBS has completed the updation of urban area frame except 4078 blocks of Karachi. The work is in progress. In the second phase rural area frame will be updated.

A GIS presentation was also given to the members which was appreciated. It was desired that duplication of efforts among various government agencies may be avoided. The chair also appreciated the efforts being made by PBS to make digitized maps. The chair also desired that the provincial government who have developed models and have data may be consulted.

A detailed presentation was given to the honourable members of the Governing Council and they informed that Pakistan Bureau of Statistics requires additional budget to meet its obligations.

The house was informed that the PBS is committed to prepare Quarterly National Accounts (QNA). The draft of Quarterly National Accounts were also placed before the house for discussion.

TRAINING ON SAMPLING, WEIGHTING & ESTIMATION FOR COMPLEX SURVEYS

A training on Sampling, Weighting & Estimation for Complex Surveys was held from 17th February to 21st February, 2014 at GIZ Lab, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Statistics House, Islamabad. Dr. Stephanie Eckman, Trainer World Bank was the trainer of the training.

The participants of the training include Mr. Arif Mahmood Cheema, Member (National Accounts), Mr. Shaukat Zaman, Director(SD), Mr. Naseer Ahmad, Chief Statistical Officer(SD), Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Qureshi, Statistical Officer(SD), Mr. Muhammad Waseem, Statistical Officer(SD), Miss Rumana Sadaf, Statistical Officer(SD), Mr. Khurshid Ahmad, JCC and Mr. Tariq Bashir, Senior Statistician. Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was the Chief Guest at the closing session of the training.



Mr. Muhammad Akram Janjua, Director General Pakistan Bureau of Statistics alongwith participants of training on "Labour Market Analysis through Labour Force Statistics" held at the National Institute of Banking and Finance, Islamabad

PRICE STATISTICS

Since the establishment of (former Federal Bureau of Statistics) present Pakistan Bureau of Statistics efforts have made to compute various types of price indices in order to provide data to the Planner, Policy Makers and Economic Analyst.

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

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

Monthly Analysis

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

% Change of CPI, WPI and SPI for the month of March, 2014

Index	Average July - March % Change		% Change Mar over Mar	
	2013-14	2012-13	2013-14	2012-13
CPI	8.64	7.98	8.53	6.57
SPI	9.83	8.00	8.98	8.65
WPI	8.43	8.05	7.68	7.89

1. CPI inflation, General, increased by 8.5% on year-on-year basis in March 2014 as compared to 7.9% in the previous month and by 6.6% in March 2013. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 1.0% in March 2014 as compared to a decrease of 0.3% in the previous month and increased by 0.4% in March 2013.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 7.6% on (YoY) basis in March 2014 as compared to 7.8% in the previous month and by 9.0% in March 2013. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.3% in March 2014 as compared to 0.2% in the previous month and 0.4% in March 2013.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 8.1% on (YoY) basis in March 2014 as compared to 8.1% in the previous month and by 8.4% in March 2013. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.3% in March 2014 as compared to 0.2% in the previous month and by 0.2% in March 2013.

4. SPI inflation on YoY basis increased by 9.0% in March 2014 as compared to 7.5% a month earlier and 8.7% in March 2013. On MoM basis, it increased by 2.1% in March 2014 as compared to a decrease of 0.1% a month earlier and increased by 0.8% in March 2013.

5. WPI inflation on YoY basis increased by 7.7% in March 2014 as compared to 7.6% a month earlier and 7.9% in March 2013. WPI inflation on MoM basis increased by 0.3% in March 2014 as compared to a decrease of 0.1% a month earlier and increased by 0.3% in March 2013.

Period	Inflation													
	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	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
Jan, 14	7.9	0.5	7.2	0.0	8.4	0.9	8.0	1.0	8.2	0.6	7.7	-1.2	8.1	0.5
Feb, 14	7.9	-0.3	7.6	-1.0	8.2	0.2	7.8	0.2	8.1	0.2	7.5	-0.1	7.6	-0.1
Mar, 14	8.5	1.0	9.3	2.1	8.0	0.2	7.6	0.3	8.1	0.3	9.0	2.1	7.7	0.3

* NFNE is non-food non-energy.

** SPI for 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 March, 2014 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)		
March, 2014	2.15	2.01	1.91	1.75	1.41	1.70	

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2014 amounted to Rs.227,615 million (provisional) as against Rs. 217,160 million (provisional) in January, 2014 and Rs.179,747 million during February, 2013 showing an increase of 4.81% over January,2014 and of 26.63% over February, 2013.

2) In terms of US dollars the exports in February, 2014 was \$ 2,167 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,061 million (provisional) in January, 2014 showing an increase of 5.14% and of 18.09% as compared to \$ 1,835 million in February, 2013.

3) Exports during July-February, 2013 - 2014 totalled Rs.1,769,319 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,522,939 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.18%

4) In terms of US dollars the exports during July - February, 2013 - 2014 totalled \$ 16,858 million (provisional) as against \$ 15,882 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 6.15%

5) Main commodities of exports during February, 2014 were Cotton cloth (Rs.24,922 million), Rice others (Rs.18,543 million), Knitwear (Rs.18,513 million), Bedwear (Rs.17,631 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.17,501 million), Readymade garments (Rs.16,529 million), Towels (Rs.6,543 million), Rice basmati (Rs. 6,499 million), Made-up articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,385 million) and Fruits (Rs.5,994 million)

The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during February, 2014 over January, 2014 and February, 2013 is given below:

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2014 over	
		Jan 2014	Feb 2013
1	Cotton cloth	12.18	24.78
2	Rice others	-14.48	44.34
3	Knitwear	-5.71	33.63
4	Bedwear	-0.51	34.29
5	Cotton yarn	27.49	-4.82
6	Readymade garments	-8.78	31.93
7	Towels	11.92	17.93
8	Rice basmati	-0.47	22.23
9	Made-up articles (excl. towels, bedwear)	-5.76	39.72
10	Fruits	-25.12	12.33

IMPORTS

6) Imports into Pakistan during February, 2014 amounted to Rs.378,171 million (provisional) as against Rs. 435,995 million (provisional) in January, 2014 and Rs.331,465 million during February, 2013 showing a decrease of 13.26% over January, 2014 but an increase of 14.09% over February, 2013.

7) In terms of US dollars the imports in February, 2014 was \$ 3,600 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,137 million (provisional) in January, 2014 showing a decrease of 12.98 but increased by 6.41% as compared to \$ 3,383 million in February, 2013.

8) Imports during July - February, 2013-2014 totalled Rs.3,086,022 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,788,128 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.68%.

9) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - February, 2013-2014 totalled \$ 29,408 million (provisional) as against \$ 29,069 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.17%.

10) Main commodities of imports during February, 2014 were Petroleum products (Rs.69,745 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.58,100 million), Palm oil (Rs.14,999 million), Plastic materials (Rs.14,869 million), Iron & steel (Rs.10,714 million), Raw cotton (Rs.10,202 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.9,158 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.7,899 million), Mobile phones (Rs.5,978 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.5,861 million).

The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during February, 2014 over January, 2014 and February, 2013 is given below:

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2014 over	
		Jan 2014	Feb 2013
1	Petroleum products	-4.70	16.51
2	Petroleum crude	9.34	77.28
3	Palm oil	-20.29	-24.02
4	Plastic materials	-9.39	28.67
5	Iron & Steel	-17.32	-24.05
6	Raw Cotton	-24.38	-12.35
7	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-10.35	23.77
8	Power Generating Machinery	-62.42	-20.62
9	Mobile Phones	-4.37	19.46
10	Medicinal Products	-19.48	10.34

QUANTUM INDEX OF MANUFACTURING

Quantum Index of Manufacturing (QIM) measures the changes in production of Large Scale 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 QIM has been computed on the basis of latest production data received from sources, in which OCAC supplied the data of 11 items, Ministry of Industries & Production supplied the data of 36 items and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics provided data for 65 items. The indices for July- January, 2013-14 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are given below

	SOURCE	Indices for July-January		Change %	Growth Impact
		2013-2014	2012-2013		
1	OCAC	96.03	89.69	7.06	0.44
2	Ministry of Industries	114.12	107.66	6.00	4.08
3	Provincial BOS	140.47	132.61	5.93	1.54
4	OVER ALL	118.49	111.73	-	6.05

The overall output of Large Scale Manufacturing Sector showed growth of 6.05% during July- January 2013-14 compared to same period last year.

The indices for January, 2014 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are as follows

	SOURCE	Indices			Change %		Growth Impact	
		JAN 2014	JAN 2013	DEC 2012	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY
1	OCAC	84.70	93.34	96.08	-11.84	-9.26	-0.64	-0.50
2	Ministry of Industries	143.58	138.57	139.95	2.60	3.62	1.88	2.65
3	Provincial BOS	134.07	131.44	139.41	-3.83	2.01	-0.85	0.43
4	OVER ALL	136.98	133.53	136.45	-	-	0.38	2.58

The LSMI output increase by 2.58% for Jan, 2014 compared to Jan,2013 and increased by 0.38% when compared to Dec,2013

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 Groups 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 March, 2014 have been finalized.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

Monthly Review of Foreign Trade Data for the month of November, 2013 has been issued.

Listing / checking of import/export data for the month of January, 2014 remained in progress.

Checking of import/export data for the month of December, 2013 remained in progress.

The unit value indices, quantum indices and terms of trade of exports and imports (all groups) for the month of November, 2013 remained in progress.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS STATISTICS

Work on compilation of Gross Value Added (GVA) for the years 2011-12 (Final), 2012-13 (Revised), 2013-14 (Provisional) remained in progress.

Preparation of GFCF estimates for the years 2011-12(Final), 2012-13 (Revised) and 2013-14 (Provisional) of different sectors remained in progress.

Work on the National Health Accounts Report 2011-12 remained in progress.

Work on Quarterly National Accounts remained in progress

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICAL SERIES

As one of the regular activities of PBS, collection, compilation and update 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

PSLM (Provincial level – 2013-14): 56% field work, 55% retrieval of schedules, 52% editing/coding and 05% Data Processing have been completed.

Census of Manufacturing Industries – 2010-11 (CMI)

Checking of error list of CMI 2010-11 remained in progress. Editing/Coding of CMI – 2010-11 schedules remained in progress

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2012-13

Quarter-II of LFS 2013-2014 Report: 100% field work, 99% retrieval of schedules, 99% editing/coding and 70% Data Processing has been completed.

Quarter-III of LFS 2013-2014 Report: 41% field work, and 38% retrieval of schedules have been completed.

POPULATION CENSUS

Preparatory work for conduct of 6th Population and Housing Census remained in progress.

A meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics & privatization was held on 27th February 2014 at Parliament House, Islamabad. The following points have been discussed in the meeting.

Role and responsibilities of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) with particular reference to Performance of the officers of PBS and its regional offices.

Procedure of data collection from various sectors like Education, Health, Agricultural, Energy and Mining's and the credibility of collected data.

Cooperation and coordination by the international organizations working under the UNO with particular reference to financial and material health with the PBS since the last 20 years.

Role and responsibilities of the population census of Pakistan and whether the institutions are performing under the parameters of the rules

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

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

COMBINED AGRICULTURE CENSUS:

Quality Control of Tabulations:

After data processing of Pilot Survey, the preliminary tabulations were produced. The quality checking of tabulations was performed by Agricultural Census Wing Lahore and errors were identified. Preliminary tabulations were returned for removal of errors by DPC, Islamabad. However, after improvement, the tabulations have been produced and are under checking process. ACC along with one officer of ACO remained engaged for one week with DPC, Islamabad for carrying out corrections. The corrected tabulations are under quality checking in ACO Wing.

Data Processing for Pilot Survey:

Coding, manual editing and data entry in Excel of filled-in questionnaires (F-2, F-3 and F-4) were completed. Computer edit correction checks were developed and accordingly error listing application finalized. The data were made error free based on the error checks and emailed to DPC, Islamabad for carrying out tabulations. The tabulation plan containing 107 tables divided into 12 chapters along with specifications for each column / row of each table was finalized and sent to Member (IT) for preparation of software for carrying out these tabulations. The coding plan of all the provinces, districts and tehsils along with dummy data were also sent for use by the Programmers.

Direction of Census:

The Chief Statistician directed to conduct Agricultural Census (combined) with work force of PBS throughout Pakistan as well as Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2010:

Printing of Reports:

The All Pakistan Report (country report) and four provincial reports, one for each province, were sent for printing. All copies of Pakistan Report and of Sindh Report and 150 copies of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have been received from Karachi, whereas the remaining reports are under printing with Publication and Printing Section, Karachi. Separate reports each for Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir are also with Publication and Printing Section, Karachi for printing. Many telephonic and written reminders to expedite printing have also been issued. In addition a meeting was arranged with PCC, Karachi to push for expediting printing of reports.

Data Dissemination:

The All Pakistan Report and all the Provincial Reports have been uploaded on website. Data users may benefit from the latest data. Agricultural Census Wing is distributing printed copies on demand by students, researchers, academia, planners and executives..

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Retirement:

Mr. Khalid Ashiq, Farrash (BPS-02) has retired from Government service w.e.f 05-01-2014, after availing L.P.R for 365 days from 05-01-2013 to 04-01-2014.

Internship:

Internship of Statistics students from Kinnaird College, Lahore was completed. A short internship of the students of M. Sc. Population Services (MPS) of University of the Punjab was completed



Mr. Muhammad Akram Khan, Agricultural Census Commissioner, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics alongwith senior officers of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and participants of the Internship programme



SEVENTH SAARC GENDER INFORMATION BASE REVIEW MEETING

On the commitment by Pakistan, the seventh SAARC Gender Information Base review meeting was held on 25-26 March, 2014 in Marriott Hotel, Islamabad in collaboration with the UNWomen and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) being Nodal Agency of SAARC Gender Information Base in Pakistan. The representatives from member states of SAARC countries including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka as well as representatives of SAARC secretaries, Kathmandu, UNWomen and representatives from the line ministries, foreign office, Ambassadors of SAARC countries etc participated in the meeting.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad, Mr. Ibrahim Zuhuree, Director SAARC and Dr. Rebecca Reichmann Tavares, Representative of UNWomen for India gave separately their opening remarks and welcomed all the participants. They also highlighted the importance of the SAARC Gender Information Base for promotion of gender equality / equity and reduce gender discrimination in the South Asia in order to fulfill international commitment and for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGS).

After the opening remarks the Meeting adopted its Agenda and elected Ms. Khawar Mumtaz, chairperson National Commission on Status of Women, Islamabad as the chairperson by acclamation. Ms. Khawar Mumtaz chaired the meeting on both the days. She also highlighted the importance of the SAARC Gender Info Base. Dr. Rinchen Chopel, Director General, SAIEVAC, Regional Secretariat, Kathmandu has also

attended the meeting and gave his valuable suggestions regarding the seventh review meeting of SGIB.

During the meeting each participant from the member states has given his presentations where in they highlighted the progress so far made by their country in connection with SAARC Gender Information Base on the three Thematic areas i.e. (a) Violence Against Women (b) Health including HIV/AIDS (c) Feminization of Poverty and also gave suggestions and discussed the challenges faced and also make questions and answers on the SGIB. In the end of the meeting recommendations regarding the future plan of the SGIB were finalized and mutually agreed.

Later on Dr. Rebecca Reichmann Tavares, Representative of UNWomen for India, Mr. Ibrahim Zuhuree, Director SAARC, Ms. Khawar Mumtaz, chairperson, National Commission on Status of Women and Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad gave the closing remarks on the meeting and thanks all the member states and other participants of the meeting.

Mr. Ibrahim Zuhuree, Director SAARC and Dr. Rebecca Reichmann Tavares, Representative of UNWomen for India expressed their appreciation to the UNWomen and Government of Pakistan for excellent arrangements made for the Meeting and warm hospitality extended to the delegations. They commended the chairperson and also appreciated the valuable contribution of the delegation during the meeting.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics along with the participants of the seventh SAARC Gender Information Base Review Meeting held on 25-26 March, 2014 at Marriott hotel, Islamabad