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MEETING OF THE SUB COMMITTEE OF DATA PRODUCERS COUNCIL

A meeting of the Sub-Committee on Banking & Finance of Data Producer's Council was held in the Committee Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Headquarters, Islamabad on 24-11-2014. This meeting was the follow-up of the meeting of the Data Producer's Council held on 26th May, 2014. The participants of the meeting include Mr. Asif Bajwa (Chair), Chief Statistician PBS, Mr. Arif Mahmood Cheema, Member National Accounts PBS, Syed Ejaz Ali Shah Wasti, Economic Advisor, Dr Azizullah Khattak, Director (Stat) SBP, Mr. Shurfuddin Pirzada, Director (Stat) FBR.

The meeting started with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran. Mr. Asif Bajwa in his opening remarks

informed that objective of the meeting was to discuss and highlight various issues and problems being faced by the data producing agencies i.e the PBS, SBP, FBR and the Finance Division. He said that this sub-committee on Banking & Finance should formulate its own TORs that should address the methodological issues of data compilation, timeliness and the frequency of the data. Syed. Ejaz Ali Shah Wasti suggested that when the data are released, it should be with the notes and guidelines to the users including the explanation of the compilation methodology. Moreover, he also expressed the need to construct the data in accordance with the prevailing international practices.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician PBS, Chairing the meeting of Sub-Committee on Banking & Finance of Data Producers held in the Committee Room of PBS, Statistics House, Islamabad on 24-11-2014

Dr. Khattak from State Bank of Pakistan identified the areas of statistics in which a collaboration among the data producers is needed. He also urged the need to review the existing methodologies to highlight the shortcomings as compared to international practices. He further argued to ensure the credibility of the statistics and proposed that process of data production should be according to international standards and must address the user's feedback while maintaining reliability.

Mr. Pirzada from FBR commented that out of the available standards only those should be considered for adoptions which are manageable keeping in view their automation level as well as specific needs of the country. Some problems regarding the trade data were highlighted by Mr. Wasti. He said that there were disparities in the trade data provided by the FBR and the data provided by the PBS. Chief Statistician responded that it was strange situation since the trade data is being released by PBS, which is in fact compiled by FBR i.e. the producing agency. To address this issue Chief Statistician expressed the need to look into the matter to identify the quantum and causes of difference in statistics produced by two federal agencies. Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema informed that SBP is the major source for the supply of data for the Financial sector of National Accounts. At present there is no any problematic issue as far as the SBP's data are concerned. However, we can work out a better format for this purpose.

Chairman said that PBS uses aggregate figure on loans and deposits of all banks provided by the SBP for the calculation of FISIM. This calculation is based on standard methodology given in SNA 2008. He also highlighted the need to appoint focal persons at PBS, FBR, SBP and Finance in order to increase the level of collaboration among these organs. Representative of State Bank of Pakistan responded that since SBP produces various statistics on different sectors and that is why different persons manage different areas. So any one particular focal person may not address all the requirements. However, if areas of further cooperation

are identified then SBP can make some arrangements. He further added that presently SBP provides data to PBS for FISIM, Financial Value Addition and ROW account i.e the external sector. In fact SBP compiles these data for own use and the same is provided to PBS. He said that if there are any other data requirements from the banking industry then it may be shared with SBP. He also commented that mechanism of statistical reporting is weak in the banking industry. Mr. Wasti added that there should be knowledge sharing among the data producers that may be achieved through time to time meetings/trainings. Dr. Khattak said that at present SBP is in process of compilation of FISIM for the external sector by employing the same methodology. However, he also emphasized the importance of harmonization in the methodologies adopted by SBP and PBS. It was agreed among the representatives of SBP and PBS that they will interchange the FISIM methodologies with each other for the sake of harmonization.

Chief Statistician proposed that that there should be interchange/interaction of the human resources for understanding and harmonization of the methodologies of each of the two organizations. It was decided that State Bank will arrange training on BPM 5 and the same may be arranged at NIBAF, Islamabad. It was indicated that following the international practice the custom's data should be used. Secondly the source of data should be same. Member National Accounts PBS informed that IMF has given the guideline that the Custom's data should be used for the purpose of trade. He also recommended that if we use custom's data then this practice may be started with one year lag. It was discussed with concern that some time the press behaves irresponsibly by reporting with the distorted facts. It was also agreed that the issue of this difference will be discussed in the next meeting. It was also agreed among the participants that an SOP may be finalized among the data producers highlighting the issues of frequency and timeliness etc.

MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE GENERAL STATISTICS ACT, 2011

The 2nd meeting of the Review Committee to examine the subject Act was held on 30th October, 2014 in the Committee Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) under the chairpersonship of Dr. Zeba A. Sathar. The meeting was attended by the members of the Committee in addition to co-opted members. The participants of the meeting includes Dr. Zeba A. Sathar, Country Director, Population Council, Islamabad, Dr. Shujat Ali, Additional Finance Secretary, Finance Division, Islamabad, Mr. Aamir Khan, Executive Director, SECP, Islamabad, Mr. Shahid Rashid, Secretary, Statistics Division, Islamabad, Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician PBS, Islamabad and Mr. Muhammad Bashir Janjua, Director General (Admn), PBS, Islamabad.

The meeting commenced with the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran. Chairperson of the Review Committee, Dr. Zeba A. Sathar informed that she could not attend the 1st meeting due to her illness, however, she has gone through the minutes of the last meeting. While going through the agenda Chief Statistician, PBS informed the house that we may review all the sections of the subject Act which needs revision. He also informed that work has been started, however, there is no deadline to complete the assignment. The Chairperson desired that it is eminent to finish this before the next meeting of Governing Council. It was informed that in the last meeting it was proposed that for calling up of an extra ordinary meeting and to meet the requirement of quorum, 25% participation of members should be mandatory. It has been proposed that decisions in the meeting may be taken by the majority of its members. Chief Statistician clarified that presently Governing Council consists of 11 members out of which 03 members are official while 08 members are from private sector, which seems to be unbalancing as far as proportion is concerned. It was proposed that due share of official members may be enhanced. Chairperson also endorsed the idea and stated that balance between members from Government and Private sector is necessary.

As for as calling up of an extra ordinary meeting is concerned, the representative of Law Division informed that Section 9(1) of the Act is clear that Governing Council shall meet as often as necessary and shall meet at least

quarterly, so there is no need of mentioning extra ordinary meeting in the Act. The Secretary, Statistics Division also endorsed the view of the representative of Law Division and proposed that the issue can be resolved by making changes in the draft rules of the Governing Council (Procedures and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2011.

Members also discussed the authority for calling up meeting of the Governing Council and placement of item to be discussed in the meeting under Sections 9(1) & 9(2) of the Act. Secretary, Statistics Division informed that Act defines the things broadly, however, the details can be mentioned in the rules to be framed. He also showed his concern that 2nd meeting of Review Committee is being held and draft Governing Council (Procedures and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2011 have not been circulated which are required to be seen before submission in the Governing Council. It was desired that draft Governing Council (Procedures and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2011 may be circulated amongst the members of Review Committee. The house was informed that Chief Statistician was of the view that if major changes in the Act, are not being proposed then the issue can be resolved by incorporating the suggestions in the draft rules being framed.

The representative of Finance Division was of the view that the suggestions being proposed by the Committee may be submitted to the Governing Council for finalization of the same. Secretary Statistics Division informed that Act only foresee National Users Council while Data Producer Council has not been mentioned in the Act. Therefore, he recommended that Data Producer Council may be renamed as Data Producer Committee. Chairperson desired that as two members of Governing Council are representing the Review Committee therefore, before taking any decision the presence of both the member is essential.

Secretary Statistics also informed that proposal for restructuring was sent to the Minister, who agreed and the proposal has been circulated amongst the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Law, Establishment Division and Cabinet Division for inter Division consultation process. As soon as the consultation process is completed, the summary will be prepared for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Restructuring. The draft rules had been earlier circulated as part of Governing Council agenda.

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 December, 2014

Index	Average July - December % Change		% Change Dec over Dec	
	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14
CPI	6.08	8.89	4.30	9.18
SPI	3.47	10.74	0.77	11.12
WPI	2.13	8.76	-0.89	8.88

1. CPI inflation, General, increased by 4.3% on year-on-year basis in December 2014 as compared to 4.0% in the previous month and by 9.2% in December 2013. On month-on-month basis, it decreased by 1.0% in December 2014 as compared to decrease of 0.5% in the previous month and decrease of 1.3% in December 2013.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food and non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 6.7% on year-on-year basis in December 2014 as compared to 6.9% in the previous month and by 8.2% in December 2013. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.1% in December 2014 as compared to decrease of 0.5% in the previous month and increased by 0.2% in December 2013.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 5.2% on year-on-year basis in December 2014 as compared to 5.3% in the previous month and by 8.7% in December 2013. On month-on-month basis, it remained unchanged in December 2014 as compared to increase of 0.1% in the previous month and 0.4% in December 2013.

4. SPI inflation on year-on-year basis increased by 0.8% in December 2014 as compared to decrease of 0.3% a month earlier and increase of 11.1% in December 2013. On month-on-month basis, it is decreased by 1.5% in December 2014 as compared to decrease of 1.1% a month earlier and 2.5% in December 2013.

5. WPI inflation on year-on-year basis decreased by 0.9% in December 2014 as compared to increase of 0.02% a month earlier and 8.9% in December 2013. WPI inflation on month-on-month basis decreased by 1.9% in December 2014 as compared to decrease of 1.0% a month earlier and 1.0% in December 2013.

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	
Oct, 14	5.8	0.2	5.2	-0.2	6.3	0.5	7.8	0.7	6.0	0.4	4.1	0.0	1.3	-0.3	
Nov, 14	4.0	-0.5	2.1	-0.4	5.4	-0.6	6.9	-0.5	5.3	0.1	-0.3	-1.1	0.0	-1.0	
Dec, 14	4.3	-1.0	3.4	-2.1	4.9	-0.2	6.7	0.1	5.2	0.0	0.8	-1.5	-0.9	-1.9	

* 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 December, 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)	
December, 2014	-1.52	-1.35	-1.20	-1.16	-1.24	-1.25

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2014 amounted to Rs.217,338 million (provisional) as against Rs. 200,075 million (provisional) in November, 2014 and Rs.241,843 million during December, 2013 showing an increase of 8.63% over November, 2014 but a decrease of 10.13% over December, 2013.

2) In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2014 was \$ 2,156 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,966 million (provisional) in November, 2014 showing an increase of 9.66% but decreased by 4.64% as compared to \$ 2,261 million in December, 2013.

3) Exports during July - December, 2014 totalled Rs.1,220,590 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,323,000 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.74%.

4) In terms of US dollars the exports during July - December 2014 totalled \$ 12,073 million (provisional) as against \$ 12,617 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 4.31%.

5) Main commodities of exports during December, 2014 were Cotton cloth (Rs.21,320 million), Knitwear (Rs.21,209 million), Rice others (Rs.19,506 million), Readymade garments (Rs.19,271 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.16,885 million), Bedwear (Rs.16,715 million), Fruits (Rs.7,679 million), Towels (Rs.6,472 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,017 million) and Leather tanned (Rs. 4,604 million).

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

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2014 over	
		November 2014	December 2013
1	Cotton cloth	7.75	-18.58
2	Knitwear	12.62	-2.64
3	Rice others	9.53	-9.23
4	Readymade garments	11.98	4.10
5	Cotton yarn	-8.71	-15.72
6	Bedwear	-3.66	-16.62
7	Fruits	175.83	13.14
8	Towels	7.19	-16.49
9	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	7.54	-15.22
10	Leather tanned	12.21	-8.16

IMPORTS

6) Imports into Pakistan during December, 2014 amounted to Rs.389,105 million (provisional) as against Rs. 369,467 million (provisional) in November, 2014 and Rs.380,944 million during December, 2013 showing an increase of 5.32% over November, 2014 and of 2.14 over December, 2013.

7) In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2014 was \$ 3,859 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,630 million (provisional) in November, 2014 showing an increase of 6.31 and of 8.37% as compared to \$ 3,561 million in December, 2013.

8) Imports during July-December, 2014 totalled Rs.2,448,314 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,271,857 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.77%.

9) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2014 totalled \$ 24,203 million (provisional) as against \$ 21,671 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.68%.

10) Main commodities of imports during December, 2014 were Petroleum products (Rs.44,836 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.39,110 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.16,464 million), Iron & steel (Rs.16,031 million), Palm oil (Rs.15,732 million), Plastic materials (Rs.14,285 million), Fertilizer manufactured (Rs.10,818 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.9,261 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.9,228 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.8,311 million).

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

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2014 over	
		November 2014	December 2013
1	Petroleum products	-34.31	-37.16
2	Petroleum crude	28.51	-10.51
3	Power generating machinery	47.07	33.59
4	Iron & Steel	7.76	49.71
5	Palm oil	-0.50	17.27
6	Plastic materials	-2.42	-2.40
7	Fertilizer manufactured	108.88	17.29
8	Iron & steel scrap	19.54	54.07
9	Electrical machinery & apparatus	9.18	-24.98
10	Medicinal products	-4.96	-5.87

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 December, 2014 have been finalized.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

Monthly Review of Foreign Trade Data for the month of September, 2014 has been issued.

The unit value indices, quantum indices and terms of trade of exports and imports (all groups) for the month of September, 2014 remained in progress.

Checking of import/export data for the month of October, 2014 remained in progress.

Listing / checking of import/export data for the month of November, 2014 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 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)

100% field work, 100% retrieval of schedules from the field, 100% editing/coding of filled in questionnaires, 100% Data Processing and 46 % Tabulation have been completed

PSLM (District Level 2014-2015)

37% field work, 27% retrieval of schedules from the field, 21% editing/coding of filled in questionnaires, and 11% Data Processing have been completed.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2014-15

Quarter-I of Labour Force Survey has been completed. For Quarter-II of LFS 2014-2015, 75% field work, 66% retrieval of schedules from the field, 52% editing/coding and 30% Data Processing has been completed

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

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

The 2nd Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Restructuring/Re-organization of Health, Population & Education was held on 5th December, 2014 at PBS Hqs, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Member National Accounts. The meeting was attended by Economic Advisor, M/o Finance, Deputy Secretary, M/o Federal Education, Director (P&D), Islamabad, Director (R&S), NIPS, Chief Population, Planning Commission, Deputy Chief (Population) of Planning Commission, Assistant Chief for Chief Health, Planning Commission, Islamabad.

DATA PROCESSING CENTRES

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

i. Labour Force Survey 2013-14

ii. Labour Force Survey Quarter II 2014-15

iii. PSLM (District level) 2014-2015

iii. Contraceptive Performance Report 3rd Quarter 2014

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 November, 2014 with base year 2005-06, have been developed on the basis of latest data supplied by the source agencies. The indices for July-November, 2014-15 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are given below

	SOURCE	Indices for July-November		Change (%)	Growth Impact
		2014-2015	2013-2014		
1	OCAC	100.97	98.28	2.74	0.19
2	Ministry of Industries	104.81	103.20	1.56	1.02
3	Provincial BOS	149.13	142.61	4.57	1.28
4	OVER ALL	114.20	111.43	-	2.48

As a result, overall Large Scale Manufacturing Sector has shown **growth of 2.48%** during July-November 2014-15 compared to the same period of last year.

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

	SOURCE	Indices			Change (%)		Growth Impact	
		Nov 2014	Nov 2013	Oct 2014	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY
1	OCAC	91.13	96.82	106.42	-14.37	-5.88	-1.03	-0.40
2	Ministry of Industries	107.54	102.97	104.72	2.70	4.44	1.74	2.93
3	Provincial BOS	149.65	137.77	149.34	0.21	8.62	0.06	2.36
4	OVER ALL	115.48	110.10	114.60	-	-	0.77	4.89

The over-all output of LSMI increased by **2.48%** for July-November, 2014-15 compared to July-November, 2013-14

PROMOTIONS, RETIREMENTS, TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS IN PBS

PROMOTIONS :

The meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee of PBS was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Statistics Division on 26-11-2014 . The following officers / officials of PBS have been promoted:

- Mr. Roofan Ali Khan, DCC, PBS, Peshawar to JCC
- Mr. Muhammad Pervez, DCC, PBS, Peshawar to JCC
- Sheikh Muhammad Sadiq, ACC, PBS, Islamabad to DCC
- Mr. Khanullah Khan, ACC, PBS, Peshawar to DCC
- Mr. Martab Ali, ACC, PBS, Lahore to DCC
- Mrs. Azra Khatoon, ACC, PBS, Karachi to DCC
- Mr. Imran Ahmed, ACC, PBS, Karachi to DCC
- Mr. Shakeel Qadeer, System Analyst, PBS, Karachi to CSA
- Mr. Zahoor Ahmed, System Analyst, PBS, Islamabad to CSA
- Syed Naushad Hassan, System Analyst, PBS, Karachi to CSA
- Mr. Khalid Mahmood, SO, PBS, Karachi to CSO
- Mr. Gul Ahmed Khan, SO, PBS, Gilgit to CSO
- Mr. Muhammad Asim Soomro, SO, PBS, Sukkur to CSO
- Mr. Ghulam Rasul, SO, PBS, Quetta to CSO
- Mr. Khalid Rauf Sheikh, SO, PBS, Karachi to CSO
- Mr. Arshad Mahmood, SO, PBS, Islamabad to CSO
- Mr. Ghulam Farid, SO, PBS, Faisalabad to CSO
- Mr. Wali Muhammad Arijio, SO, PBS, Hyderabad to CSO
- Mr. Muhammad Saeed, SO, PBS, Sargodha to CSO
- Mr. Saadullah Khan, DPO, PBS, Islamabad to S. Analyst
- Mr. Barkat Ali, SA, PBS, Sukkur to ACC
- Mr. Abdul Aziz, SA, PBS, Karachi to ACC
- Mr. Kamal Akbar, SA, PBS, Karachi to ACC
- Mr. Muhammad Shafique Shad, SA, PBS, Gilgit to ACC
- Mr. Khalil Ahmed, SA, PBS, Multan to ACC
- Mr. Sharaf-ud-din Sheikh, SA, PBS, Quetta to ACC
- Ms. Humaira Mariam, SA, PBS, Karachi to ACC
- Mr. Muhammad Aslam, SA, PBS, Lahore to AACC
- Mr. Asghar Ali, SA, PBS, Bahawalnagar to SO
- Mr. Gulzar Ali, SA, PBS, Vehari to SO
- Mr. Mushtaque Ahmed, SA, PBS, Faisalabad to SO
- Mr. Mian Muhammad, SA, PBS, Sargodha to SO
- Mr. Intisar Ali Khan, SA, PBS, Karachi to SO
- Mr. Muhammad Bashir, SA, PBS, Islamabad to SO
- Mr. Iqbal Hussain Shah, SA, PBS, Faisalabad to SO

Another meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee of PBS was held on 01-12-2014 .The following officers / officials of PBS have been promoted:

- Mr. Shafique Ahmed, SA, PBS, Faisalabad to SO
- Mr. Muhammad Arshad, SA, PBS, Faisalabad to SO
- Mr. Hikmat Khan, SA, PBS, Abbotabad to SO



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS presenting the special shield to Mr. Shahid Rashid, Secretary Statistics Division on his farewell party held at Islamabad Club

RETIREMENTS:

- Mr. Shahid Rashid Secretary, Statistics Division retired from service on 19th November, 2014.
- Mr. Syed Mujahid Hussain, Director, PBS, Bahawalnagar retired from service on 14th November, 2014.
- Mr. Inam Ali, DCC, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 3rd October, 2014.
- Mr. Rana Muhammad Yousaf, CSO, PBS, Hyderabad retired from service on 12th October, 2014
- Mr. Muhammad Ayaz, CSO, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 31st October, 2014
- Mr. Tariq Hussain Alvi, CSO, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 18th November, 2014
- Mr. Javed Iqbal, CSO, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 31st December, 2014
- Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, CSO, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 31st December, 2014
- Mr. Nasim Sajid, SO, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 31st October, 2014
- Mr. Zahid Mehmood, SO, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 18th November, 2014
- Mr. Javed Iqbal, Geographer, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 5th, December 2014.
- Mr. Mahmood Ali, SO, PBS, Gujranwala retired from service on 9th, December, 2014
- Mr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, AD, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 11th December, 2014
- Mr. Muhammad Sharif, SO, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 31st December, 2014
- Mr. Shoukat Ali Virk, Supervisor Binding, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 19th, December 2014.

TRANSFERS:

- Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz, JCC transferred from PBS, Islamabad to PBS, Peshawar on 31-12-2014

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING FOR TRAINING INSTITUTE:

A project for the construction of building for Training Institute of PBS is currently underway at Lahore. In this connection, the Standing Committee of National Assembly for Planning and Development Division visited PBS Office, Lahore on 30-12-2014 for monitoring of the project. Presentation was given to the honourable members of the Standing Committee and all related matters were discussed. The Chief Statistician highlighted salient issues and bottlenecks. The Chairman of Standing Committee along with all other members of the committee strongly supported and recommended for resolving the problems in favour of construction of the building.

In addition to the above, a monitoring team of the Planning & Development Division, comprising of

Mr. M. Shahid Chaudhry, Member (I & M) and Mr. Farhan Aslam, Deputy Director visited PBS Office, Lahore on 08-01-2015. A comprehensive presentation was given by Mr. Muhammad Akram Khan, Agricultural Census Commissioner, Project Director, wherein the issues were discussed in detail. Mr. M. Shahid Chaudhry agreed to provide all possible cooperation for the smooth sailing of the project.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME :

Internship of Statistics Students from Kinnaird College, Lahore has started at PBS, Lahore from 29-12-2014. Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics inaugurated this internship programme and the course of internship programme is in progress.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member (NA) , Mr. Muhammad Akram Khan, Agricultural Census Commissioner, Senior officers of PBS and Dr. Nighat Khan, Vice Principal, Dr. Naghma Habibullah, Director Research, Senior faculty members of Kinnard college and participants at the inauguration ceremony of the internship programme of the Kinnard College, Lahore on 29th December, 2014

MEETING BETWEEN PBS AND UNFPA REGARDING ANNUAL WORK PLAN (AWP) 2014-15:

A meeting between senior officers of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and representatives of UNFPA was held on 31st December, 2014 in the Committee Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Statistics House, Islamabad to review the AWP 2014 and to finalize the AWP 2015. The meeting was co chaired by Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS and Ms. Ann Keeling, Country Representative, UNFPA.

The following issues were discussed in the meeting :

- (i) Bug free ROBUST version of Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) scanning machine/software for scanning the census forms during upcoming Population and Housing Census.
- (ii) Procurement of Additional Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) Forms for forth coming census.
- (iii) Annual Work Plan 2015

It was decided that PBS will submit final AWP 2015 in the light of decisions of above referred meetings. The Chief statistician, PBS suggested that AWP 2015 may be prepared in two phases. UNFPA assured they will continue their Technical and Financial support to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

PROPOSED AGRICULTURE CENSUS:

A proposal for the conduct of next Agriculture Census has been sent to the PBS (Headquarters) Islamabad for approval of the Governing Council which is under consideration. In this regard, new questionnaires have been designed and sent to PBS, Islamabad for approval so that these may subsequently be presented to the Advisory Committee / User's Council for further improvement.

Moreover, an effort was made to engage an international sampling expert. In this regard, a French expert visited PBS, Islamabad from 20-10-2014 to 24-10-2014 and a discussion session was arranged by the PBS authorities. Three senior officers from PBS, Lahore also participated this five days session. The Agriculture Census of France and different agriculture related surveys based on that census were discussed. The sample plans of those surveys were also explained by the French expert. The experience of Pakistan for Agriculture, Livestock and Agriculture Machinery Censuses was also discussed with their sampling plans.

The expert appreciated the proposal of conducting the next Agriculture Census by merging three previous censuses. It was emphasized among other important matters that the sampling plan for the upcoming Agriculture Census is the urgent need of PBS. It is hoped that the expert will visit PBS during January 2015 for designing the Sampling Plan for the next Agriculture Census.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS alongwith Ms. Ann Keeling, Country Representative, UNFPA during a meeting regarding Annual Work Plan 2014-15 held at Statistics House, Islamabad on 31st December, 2014

TRAINING ON QUARTERLY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS:

A fourteen member delegation from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics led by Chief Statistician, visited Istanbul, Turkey from 7th October, 2014 to 16th October, 2014. The purpose of the visit was to attend the training on "Quarterly National Accounts" sponsored by GIZ in collaboration with International Monetary Fund (IMF). The experts from IMF shared their views, skills and expertise with the member of delegation in the field of compilation of Quarterly National Accounts focusing particularly on the concepts of chain linking, bench marking techniques and seasonal adjustment.

The Participants of the meeting include Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member National Accounts, Mr. Fazil Mehmood Baig, Director (NA), Mr. Attiq-ur-Rehman, Chief Statistical Officer, Mr. Liaquat Ali, Chief Statistical Officer, Mr. Naveed Iqbal, Deputy Agricultural Census Commissioner, Mrs. Hina Nousheen, Statistical Officer, Mrs. Shahida Faisal, Statistical Officer, Ms. Tayyaba Javed, Statistical Officer, Mr. Abdul Majid, Statistical Officer, Mr. Mazhar Hussain, Statistical Officer, Mr. Waqar Aslam, Statistical Officer, Mr. Tahir-ul-Islam, Statistical Officer, Mr. Abdullah Khan, Statistical Officer.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS and Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member (National Accounts), PBS alongwith other participants of training on Quarterly National Accounts held at Istanbul, Turkey from 7th to 16th October, 2014



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MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF RENT SURVEY 2014-15:

First meeting of the Technical Committee to review and approve the questionnaire and methodology of the Rent Survey 2014-15 was held at PBS, Islamabad on 26th December, 2014 under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS. Proceedings started with the recitation from Holy Quran. Chief Statistician dwelt a brief on the objective of the survey initiative PBS is going to launch in future in order to rebase National Accounts of Pakistan on 2015-16. Thereafter a presentation on questionnaire and methodology of Rent Survey was made to the participants of the meeting. Gist of the ensuing discussions are, geographical scope of the survey extends to four provinces of Pakistan excluding Military restricted areas of GB and AJK. It was observed during the course of discussion that FATA was also excluded. Consequently, the participants asked for clearly spelling out the geographical scope of the survey. The questionnaire used different terms

to record the data on dwellings. In order to guide the enumerators, it was observed that terminology used in the questionnaire, as well as, methodology of the surveys, may be explained in the Manual of Instructions. The word "rented" used in the questionnaire be replaced by "rented/hired". At the end, the Chair assured the participants of looking in to the questionnaire and methodology of the survey in the light of their comments and thanked them for making it convenient to attend the meeting.

FAREWELL TO SECRETARY, STATISTICS DIVISION:

A farewell party was organized by the 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, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member (National Accounts), PBS and Mr. Tariq Malik, Member (Support Services) PBS.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics alongwith senior officers of PBS at the farewell party of Mr. Shahid Rashid, Secretary Statistics Division on his retirement held at Islamabad