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MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The 7th meeting of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) was held on 10th January, 2015 in the Committee Room of the Prime Minister Secretariat, Islamabad under the chairmanship of Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization/Chairman, Governing Council. The meeting was attended by the members of the Governing Council of PBS, senior officers of Finance Division, Statistics Division and PBS.

The meeting commenced with the recitation of few verses from Holy Quran by Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary, Finance Division, Islamabad. Finance Minister/ Chairman Governing Council welcomed the new members of the Governing Council and acknowledged the contributions of the outgoing members whose term had expired on completion of three years. The Chairman dilated at length on the responsibilities of the Council to further develop an efficient and credible statistical system in the country. Secretary, Statistics Division, Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari

introduced himself to the chairman and participants of the meeting. The Minister welcomed him on his new assignment.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician informed that tentative agenda contains four items and three additional items which will be included in the agenda with kind approval of the Chairman. The Governing Council adopted the agenda of the meeting.

The Chief Statistician while giving the implementation status of the decisions taken in the last meeting informed that it was decided that agenda must reach the Members atleast 10 days before commencement of the meeting, which has been noted for compliance. The 2nd decision was to approach the Attorney General for early hearing of the case regarding stay given by the Islamabad High Court on recruitment on two posts of Functional Members. Accordingly, Law Division was approached. Last date of hearing was 17th December, 2014. Case was



Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chairing the 7th meeting of Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics held on 10th January, 2015

deferred due to lawyers strike against Peshawar incident. New date has not yet been fixed. The Chairman advised the Secretary, Finance to take up the matter with Law Division for early vacation of the stay.

The meeting was informed that, during 6th Meeting of the Governing Council, a committee was formed comprising two members from Governing Council to review the General Statistics (Re-organization) Act, 2011. So far, two meetings of the committee have been convened and final meeting is to be held. In the mean time the tenure of Dr. Aysha Mujahid Mukhtar, Member Governing Council has expired. It was decided that Dr. Asad Zaman, Member Governing Council may be included in the Review Committee.

Regarding expansion of the Governing Council, the Minister informed that Governing Council should be broad based but due to shortage of time, minimum strength has been notified. It was informed that the Secretary, Statistics Division may be taken on board for identification of new members. The chair informed that Governing Council of PBS is a prestigious forum which has credibility, therefore, they should make PBS a renowned and credible organization. The chair also emphasized that those members may be included in the Governing Council who can give input for improvement and credibility of PBS data. He informed that presently Governing Council comprises Economists and Statisticians. He desired that the Governing Council may be made more broad based and media persons and politicians may also be considered for inclusion.

The Chairman was informed that PBS was assigned the responsibility of developing SAARC STAT Database and Web Portal for all the Member States. PBS has successfully achieved the target and, in recognition of the services provided, PBS has been asked to maintain and update the same in future which is satisfying for the PBS. The Chairman appreciated the work done and congratulated the PBS.

The meeting was informed about the progress made on the decision of the last meeting regarding change of base year from the year 2005-06 to 2015-16 for the purpose of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimation. Similarly, the work done towards the change of base year for computation of price indices from 2007-08 to 2015-16 was also presented. It was informed that work on Rent Survey, Construction Survey and Small Households Manufacturing Industries (SHMI) Survey has been initiated in the year 2014-15. Non Profit Institutions Survey, Census of Electricity Establishment and Census of Oil Exploration Companies are next. It was informed that two studies i.e. Hotel & Restaurants and Forestry are in progress. In this context, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics prepared PC-1 which was approved in November, 2014. It was informed that all the activities will be completed in the year 2016-17 and results will be published in the same year.

On Price Statistics Rebased, PBS is organizing two days conference in February, 2015. People from the academia, press, international experts, development partners, stakeholders and members of the Governing Council are being invited to the conference to share the methodology, questionnaire and other issues of computing Prices /CPI.

The meeting discussed updating of area sampling frame for urban and rural areas of the country for conduct of sample surveys and censuses. The Chief Statistician briefed about the process of updation and use of Global Positioning System (GPS) devices for this purpose. He explained that after completion of this exercise, PBS will be able to give complete digitized maps showing detailed information and land marks in the area. The meeting was informed that the entire urban area of the country, comprising 48052 enumeration blocks, has already been updated using PBS resources. The updation of rural area frame is being planned for which PC-1 amounting to Rs. 306 million has been prepared and submitted to Planning Division for approval. Meeting was informed that PBS has initiated the updation work in the rural areas with the financial support of UNFPA and has updated 8718 enumeration blocks so far. The Chairman appreciated the efforts made by the PBS in this regard. It was informed that updation of blocks will be carried out after every five years. For updation process, PBS has designed special forms and Manual Mauza maps which will be updated by its own staff by visiting each and every block. Staff is being provided GPS devices for taking Point of Interests (POIs) readings. Once GPS verified blocks are available, PBS will be able to provide digital data at block level. It was also informed that during updation, Mauza boundary which has been notified by Revenue Department will not be violated.

Conduct of Agriculture Census was another focal item in the meeting. The Chief Statistician, Mr. Asif Bajwa informed the meeting that in the past, PBS was conducting three censuses in the Agriculture Sector i.e. Agriculture Census, Agriculture Machinery Census and Livestock Census with different time frame. It was noticed that same segment of population was being approached for collecting information thrice which resulted in use of huge financial and human resources as well as response burden on the respondents. Need was felt to combine these activities into single exercise to save the resources and also to comply with international best practices. The Chairman was requested to approve the proposal. The Chairman after soliciting the suggestions from the Members of the Governing Council took decision that the proposal to merge Agriculture census, Agriculture Machinery census and Livestock census into single exercise as Agriculture Census was approved and the same is to be conducted after every five years.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician/Secretary, Governing Council informed the meeting that census is another vital

item which has remained on the agenda of the Council for Common Interests (CCI) for quite a long time and needs to be prioritized. He emphasized that Members of the CCI need to be sensitized on the issue as considerable time has passed and availability of fresh census data is a dire need of the time. Chief Statistician informed that PBS has suggested to delink the Population figures from National Assembly Seats, NFC Award and Recruitment Quota and freeze the 1998 Census ratios, so that ethnic elements may not influence the census activities. It was also suggested that grey areas may be identified, which have been observed in House Listing Operation 2011, so that estimation may be taken in the main Census. Other Members also mentioned the importance of the census data and asked the Chairman to bring up this issue in the next meeting of the CCI. The Chairman desired that minutes of the last meeting of the CCI may be shown to him and since CCI is the proper forum to decide on the matter, therefore, he will take necessary steps to bring up this issue in the next meeting of CCI.

The Chairman informed that PBS is conducting Pakistan Social Living Measurement (PSLM) Survey under different names as development project since 1995 and providing data to policy makers on various key areas. This project is going to end on 30th June, 2015. The Member/Secretary informed that nine rounds of the survey have been conducted so far. PSLM collects data on household income and expenditure pattern which is used for computation of poverty indicators. It also provides data on 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), 16 targets and 37 indicators. The Chairman was informed that 263 staff members i.e. 18 officers and 245 officials are also working on the project on contract basis since 1995. These staff members have long experience in collection of data in the field and whose services need to be regularized. The Member/Secretary requested the Governing Council to shift the activity of the PSLM project on regular budget keeping in view its importance and that the staff of the project may be regularized after adopting codal formalities. The Chairman asked for suggestions from the Members who appreciated the efforts made by PBS in providing very important data and recommended for its continuation. They also suggested to enhance the scope of the survey by including more areas of policy issues like data on fertility and agriculture etc. The Governing Council decided that PSLM survey must continue. The Chairman directed the Member/Secretary to discuss with the Secretary Finance and EAD to find a way for its continuation whereas project staff will be adjusted accordingly after fulfilling the regularization procedure.

The Chief Statistician informed the meeting that Governing Council (Procedures and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2011 have been vetted by the Members of the Review Committee. The Chairman desired that honourable Members may submit their proposals, if any, within seven days to the Chief Statistician so that Rules could be forwarded to Secretary Law and Chairman, Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) for authentication.

The meeting was also briefed about the digitization of Manual Maps prepared for use in the censuses/ surveys. Meeting was informed that a number of meetings have been held with the Provincial Revenue Departments to collect Massavies of the Mauza maps for digitization process. In all there are 141 districts in the country out of which Massavies of villages comprising 53 districts have been scanned and data has been digitized for 3770 Mauzas.

FORTY SIXTH SESSION OF THE UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION:

The forty sixth session of the UN Statistical Commission was held from 3rd to 6th March, 2015 at United Nations Headquarters, Newyork, USA.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member National Accounts, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics attended the session.

The agenda of the 46th session of Statistical Commission was to discuss:

- (a) Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda:
 - Broader measures of progress
 - Emerging issue: the data revolution
 - Big Data
 - Transformative agenda for official statistics
- (b) Population and Housing Censuses
- (c) Crime Statistics
- (d) Refugee Statistics
- (e) Household Surveys
- (f) National Accounts
- (g) International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics
- (h) Environmental-Economic Accounting
- (i) International Comparison Programme
- (j) Agriculture and Rural Statistics
- (k) Governance, Peace and Security Statistics
- (l) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- (m) Regional Statistical Development in Latin America and Caribbean

The items below were presented to the Statistical Commission for information:

- (a) Health Statistics, (b) Gender Statistics, (c) Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, (d) Business Registers, (e) Service Statistics, (f) Finance Statistics, (g) Environmental Statistics, (h) Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources, (i) World Statistics Day, (j) Coordination of Statistical Programmes, (k) Statistics of Human Development, (l) International Statistical Classifications, (m) Common Open Standards for the Exchange and Sharing of Data and Metadata, (n) Statistical Capacity Building, (o) Development Indicators, (p) Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, (q) Follow-up to Policy Decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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 March, 2015

Index	Average July - March % Change		% Change March over March	
	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14
CPI	5.12	8.64	2.49	8.53
SPI	2.25	9.83	-1.89	8.98
WPI	0.36	8.43	-3.67	7.68

1. CPI inflation, General, increased by 2.5% on year-on-year basis in March 2015 as compared to 3.2% in the previous month and by 8.5% in March 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.2% in March 2015 as compared to decrease of 0.9% in the previous month and increase of 1.0% in March 2014.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 5.9% on year-on-year basis in March 2015 as compared to 6.2% in the previous month and by 7.6% in March 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.1% in March 2015 as compared to no change in the previous month and 0.3% in March 2014.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 3.8% on year-on-year basis in March 2015 as compared to 4.2% in the previous month and by 8.1% in March 2014. On month-on-month basis, it shows no increase in March 2015 as compared to decrease of 0.2% in the previous month and an increase of 0.3% in March 2014.

4. SPI inflation on year-on-year decreased by 1.9% in March 2015 as compared to increase of 0.2% a month earlier and of 9.0% in March 2014. On month-on-month basis, it shows no change in March 2015 as compared to decrease of 1.0% a month earlier and increase of 2.1% in March 2014.

5. WPI inflation on year-on-year basis decreased by 3.7% in March 2015 as compared to decrease of 3.4% a month earlier and an increase of 7.7% in March 2014. WPI inflation on month-on-month basis it shows no change in March 2015 as compared to decrease of 1.1% a month earlier and increase of 0.3% in March 2014.

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, 15	3.9	0.1	3.0	-0.5	4.5	0.5	6.4	0.7	4.8	0.3	1.1	-0.9	-2.4	-1.0
Feb, 15	3.2	-0.9	2.1	-1.8	4.0	-0.3	6.2	0.0	4.2	-0.2	0.2	-1.0	-3.4	-1.1
Mar, 15	2.5	0.2	0.5	0.5	3.9	0.0	5.9	0.1	3.8	0.0	-1.9	0.0	-3.7	0.0

* 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, 2015 are given below:-

SPI	Percentage Change as compared to Previous Month					Combined
	Income Groups					
	Q1 (Up to Rs. 8000)	Q2 (Rs. 8001 - 12000)	Q3 (Rs. 12001 - 18000)	Q4 (Rs. 18001 - 35000)	Q5 (Above Rs. 35000)	
March, 2015	0.0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.03

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs.196,553 million (provisional) as against Rs. 190,961 million (provisional) in February, 2015 and Rs.223,104 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 2.93% over February, 2015 but a decrease of 11.90% over March, 2014.

2) In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2015 was \$ 1,932 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,884 million (provisional) in February, 2015 showing an increase of 2.55% but decreased by 13.44% as compared to \$ 2,232 million in March, 2014.

3) Exports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled Rs.1,813,785 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,990,557 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.88%.

4) In terms of US dollars the exports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled \$ 17,931 million (provisional) as against \$ 19,072 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.98%.

5) Main commodities of exports during March, 2015 were Cotton cloth (Rs.21,699 million), Knitwear (Rs.17,338 million), Rice others (Rs.16,938 million), Readymade garments (Rs.16,842 million), Bedwear (Rs.15,687 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.13,826 million), Towels (Rs.6,204 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,345 million) Rice basmati (Rs.4,938 million), and Sugar (Rs. 4,468 million).

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

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2015 over	
		February 2015	March 2014
1	Cotton cloth	5.60	-12.93
2	Knitwear	-5.69	-5.76
3	Rice others	27.68	20.82
4	Readymade garments	-5.25	-3.51
5	Bedwear	-3.45	-15.36
6	Cotton yarn	-22.36	-28.10
7	Towels	1.74	-17.59
8	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-5.16	-12.07
9	Rice basmati	14.89	-35.40
10	Sugar	1.57	14.45

IMPORTS

6) Imports into Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs.354,923 million (provisional) as against Rs. 336,878 million (provisional) in February, 2015 and Rs.362,609 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 5.36% over February, 2015 but a decrease of 2.12 over March, 2014.

7) In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2015 was \$ 3,488 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,323 million (provisional) in February, 2015 showing an increase of 4.97 but decreased by 3.83% as compared to \$ 3,627 million in March, 2014.

8) Imports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled Rs.3,440,495 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,448,370 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.23%.

9) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled \$ 33,998 million (provisional) as against \$ 33,032 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.92%.

10) Main commodities of imports during March, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.50,118 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.21,505 million), Plastic materials (Rs.16,016 million), Iron & steel (Rs.14,152 million), Palm oil (Rs.13,749 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.9,981 million), Medicinal products (Rs.8,939 million), Aircrafts, ships & boats (Rs.8,893 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.8,735 million), and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.8,710 million).

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

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2015 over	
		February 2015	March 2014
1	Petroleum products	-3.22	-7.95
2	Petroleum crude	28.00	-51.38
3	Plastic materials	15.47	-8.99
4	Iron & Steel	3.78	-29.43
5	Palm oil	3.38	-1.16
6	Electrical machinery & apparatus	3.23	22.36
7	Medicinal products	26.90	44.13
8	Aircrafts, ships & boats	151.85	50.60
9	Power generating machinery	18.34	20.40
10	Iron & steel scrap	23.84	56.85

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 March, 2015 have been finalized.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

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

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

Checking of import/export data for the month of January, 2015 remained in progress.

Listing / checking of import/export data for the month of February, 2015 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, 97 % Tabulation and 85% report writing have been completed.

PSLM (District Level 2014-2015)

78% field work, 63% retrieval of schedules from the field, 53% editing/coding of filled in questionnaires, and 26% Data Processing have been completed

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2014-15

Quarter-II of Labour Force Survey : 100% field work, 100% retrieval of schedules from the field 100% editing/coding and 90% Data Processing has been completed.

For Quarter-III of Labour Force Survey : 61% field work, 51% retrieval of schedules from the field 35% editing/coding and 15% Data Processing has been completed.

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

Council of Common Interests (CCI) in its meeting held on 18-3-2015 under the chairmanship of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan decided to conduct 6th Population and Housing Census in the Country in March 2016. In this connection a inhouse meeting of senior officers of PBS was held on 26-03-2015 to review the calendar of activities and census preparatory work at PBS (HQ) Islamabad.

DATA PROCESSING CENTRES

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

i. LFS 2nd Quarter 2014-15.

ii. PSLM (District level)- 2014-2015

iii Annual Contraceptive Performance Report 2013- 2014 remained in progress.

SUPPLY OF DATA TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

As one of the regular activities of PBS, supply of data to Government/Semi-Government/Private organizations, other national & international agencies, Students, Researchers and Planners 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 January, 2015 with base year 2005-06, showed an increase of 2.15% for July-January, 2014-15 compared to July-January, 2013-14. The indices for July-January, 2014-15 alongwith percentage changes and growth impact by source are given below:

	SOURCE	Indices for July-January		Change (%)	Growth Impact
		2014-2015	2013-2014		
1	OCAC	98.71	97.59	1.15	0.07
2	Ministry of Industries	115.07	114.00	0.94	0.64
3	Provincial BOS	148.54	140.72	5.56	1.44
4	OVER ALL	121.12	118.57	-	2.15

The over-all output of LSMI increased by 2.15% for July-January, 2014-15 compared to July-January, 2013-14

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

	SOURCE	Indices			Change (%)		Growth Impact	
		Jan 2015	Jan 2014	Dec 2014	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY
1	OCAC	97.93	95.63	88.17	11.07	2.41	0.56	0.13
2	Ministry of Industries	143.94	143.54	136.73	5.28	0.28	3.76	0.20
3	Provincial BOS	142.12	137.17	146.39	-2.92	3.60	-0.69	0.78
4	OVER ALL	140.00	138.47	135.10	-	-	3.63	1.11

The LSMI output increased by 1.11% for January, 2015 compared to January, 2014 and also increased by 3.63% if compared to December, 2014

PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS IN PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

PROMOTIONS :

A meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) was held under the chairmanship of Director General (Admn) on 04-02-2015 .The following officials of PBS have been promoted:

- Mrs. Sadia Chaudhry, Assistant to Superintendent
- Syed Khalil Ahmed, Assistant to Superintendent
- Mr. Muhammad Sharif, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Muhammad Tariq, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Muhammad Aslam, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Muhammad Khan, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Syed Asif Hussain, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Abdul Razzaq, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Habib Mian, Sr.F.C. to Cartographer
- Mr. Muhammad Zubair, SDM to Cartographer
- Syed Taqi Haider, SDM to Cartographer
- Mr. Azhar Hussain, Assist. Sup.(C) to Supervisor(C)
- Shah Alam Akhter, D.E.O to Assist. Supervisor
- Ch. Aziz-ur-Rehman Aziz, DEO, to Assist. Supervisor
- Mr. Saifullah Khan, U.D.C to Assistant(M)

Another meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee of PBS was held under the chairmanship of Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari, Secretary, Statistics Division on 31-03-2015 . The following officers / officials of PBS have been promoted:

- Mr. Arshad Mehmood-II, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Amjad Javed, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Waqar Aslam, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Khalil Ahmed, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Abdul Majid, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Sikandar-e-Azam, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Abdul Hameed Sikhani, SO to Chief Statistical Officer

- Mrs. Zohra Bukhari, SO to Chief Statistical Officer
- Mr. Muhammad Ehtesham, S.Analyst to Chief System Analyst
- Mr. Shahid Islam, S.Analyst to Chief System Analyst
- Mr. Arshad Goraya, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Mazhar Yasin Shad, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Muhammad Irshad, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Dost Muhammad Khan, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Muhammad Tariq, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Qayyum Nawaz, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed Khan, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mrs. Shaheen Firdous, SA to Statistical Officer
- Raja Muhammad Azad Khan, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Muhammad Siraj Alam, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Rab Nawaz Khalid, SA to Statistical Officer
- Mr. Ahtasham Hassan, DPO to System Analyst
- Mr. Ajeet Kumar, SA to Assistant Census Commissioner
- Mrs. Aisha Nazir, SA to Assistant Census Commissioner
- Mr. Naimat Ali Qureshi, D.A.D to Assistant Director
- Mr. Atta Ur Rehman, Suptd. to Assistant Director
- Mr. Muhammad Tahir, Suptd. to Assistant Director
- Ms. Shahida Mushtaq, Suptd. to Assistant Director
- Mr. Mukhtyar Ali Shah, G.A to Geographer
- Mr. Mehboob Zafar, APS to Private Secretary

RETIREMENTS:

- Mr. Muhammad Feroze, Statistical Officer, PBS, Muzaffarabad retired from service on 14th March, 2015 on attaining the age of superannuation
- Mr. Abid Hussain Shah, Superintendent (Admn), PBS, Lahore retired from service on 1st January, 2015 on attaining the age of superannuation
- Mr. Talat Mahmood, Statistical Assistant, PBS, Multan retired from service on 28th February, 2015 on attaining the age of superannuation
- Mr. Ramzan, Daftri, PBS, Lahore retired from service on 1st January, 2015 on attaining the age of superannuation

CONFERENCE ON CHANGE OF BASE OF PRICE INDICES:

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) organized a two-day International Conference on "Change of Base of Price Indices" at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad on 11-12 February, 2015 in collaboration with World Bank under the Chairmanship of Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization. Over 150 representatives of United Nations Agencies, World Bank, State Bank of Pakistan, Universities of Pakistan, Provincial Governments, Public and Private sector participated in the conference.

PBS invited eight experts / scholars from University of Waikato, New Zealand, World Bank, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, State Bank of Pakistan, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) and Innovative Development Strategies, Islamabad for making presentations. These presentations were made during four technical sessions. Apart from these sessions, there were two more sessions, i.e. inaugural and concluding sessions. Finance Minister /Chairman Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics graced the occasion as a Chief Guest in the inaugural session and delivered his inaugural address. In concluding session, Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was the Chief Guest.

The primary goal of the conference was to bring together all stakeholders, eminent academics, international experts, as well as development partners to contribute collective wisdom that would feed into the process of change of base of Price Indices. The issues relating to Consumer Price Index (CPI), Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and their methodology were also discussed.



Federal Minister for Finance addressing the Conference on Change of Base of Price Indices on 11-12 February, 2015 at Islamabad

Over the two days of the Conference, it provided for:

- i. An overview of CPI methodology, the current basket, budget shares, share of food etc.
- ii. An overview on the Current Price Data Collection Methodology, the selection of markets, challenges, data verification systems etc.
- iii. An overview of WPI methodology
- iv. A review of Family Budget Survey Questionnaire.

The presentations and discussions of this conference will, it is hoped, establish a platform for further collaborative thinking about areas of mutual engagement in the field of Change of Base of Price Indices.

FOURTH SESSION OF ESCAP COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS :

Fourth Session of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics was held on 25-27 March, 2015 in the UN Building, Bangkok, Thailand to discuss National Priorities for Statistical Development, Strategic Direction and Functions of the Committee. Pakistan Delegation was represented by Dr. Bahrawar Jan, DDG, PBS, who actively participated in deliberations of the committee. In his statement about Strategic Direction of the Committee on Statistics, he elaborated that data collection and statistics are key to monitoring and evidence based policymaking. The development of statistical indicators, in the context of evolving post 2015 development agenda in multiple fields to monitor Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is a long and technical process, which should be completed in phased and inclusive manner. He also gave statements on various agenda items, particularly, Regional Initiatives on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, Regional Initiatives on Modernization of Statistical Production and Services, Regional Initiatives on Gender Statistics and Coordination for Statistical Development and Statistical Training.



Participants of Fourth Session of Escap Committee on Statistics held on 25-27 March, 2015 in the UN Building, Thailand

MEETINGS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON CONTRACEPTIVE PERFORMANCE REPORT

First meeting of Technical Committee on Contraceptive performance Report 2013-14 was held on 5th January, 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). List of participants is annexed. Objective of the meeting was to review the data of Contraceptive Performance during 2013-14, percentage increase/decrease in performance as compared to the previous year and methodology of data collection, compilation and analysis. Proceedings of the meeting are detailed in the subsequent paragraphs.

The Chairman welcomed the participants and briefed them on the objectives of the meeting. After introduction of all participants, he then invited Mrs. Rizwana Siddique, Director (PWSS), to give presentation on the Contraceptive Performance Report, 2013-14 and requested the participants to provide their valuable comments for improvement in the report.

The Director (PWSS) gave a comprehensive presentation on Contraceptive Performance Report, 2013-14. Thereafter, a discussion session was held in which various issues relating to contraceptive performance data were raised by the participants.

After detailed discussion and mutual understanding, the following suggestion/ proposals are recommended for authentication the results of contraceptive performance report:

- i. Uniform Reporting System format of Contraceptive Performance Report may be adopted for supply of data to PBS.
- ii. The reporting institution of Contraceptive Performance data review the performance of Provincial Line Departments (PLDs) and Health Department.
- iii. New Contraceptive methods may be reflected separately.
- iv. New International Methods may be used for conversion of actual performance into Couple Years of Protection (CYP)/Users and then Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) may be calculated.
- v. The copy of draft report may be e-mailed to the stakeholders, where increase/decrease in performance is more than 10%. The brief reason of increase/decrease may also be explained.

At the end, the Chief Statistician fixed the date and time for the next meeting on 26th January, 2015 in which draft vetted by all stakeholders, will be revisited along with the discussion on other issues like data of department of Health & LHW(s); Development of uniform format/ performa for collection of data from all stakeholders; Revised conversion formulae for CYP etc.

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

Second meeting of Technical Committee on Contraceptive performance Report 2013-14 was held on 26th January, 2015 under the chairmanship of Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Agenda of the meeting was comprised of following four items:

- i. Draft Annual Contraceptive Performance 2013-14, vetted by all data suppliers.
- ii. Issues & problems in data supplied by Department of Health & Lady Health Worker(s).
- iii. Development of uniform format for data collection.
- iv. Revised conversion formulae for CYP & CPR Proceedings of the meeting are detailed in the subsequent paragraphs.

The Chief Statistician, PBS, Mr. Asif Bajwa chairman of the committee welcomed the participants. This was followed by the brief introduction of all the participants. Then chairman of the committee briefed the participants about the agenda of meeting. Thereafter, Ms. Rizwana Siddique, Director (PWSS), was invited to deliver presentation. According to the agenda, items-wise presentation was made and requested the participants to provide their valuable comments, after presentation of the same.

After detailed discussions the following recommendations were made :

- i. Stakeholders/ data suppliers who have not yet supplied their justifications, after verification of the data reported for Contraceptive Performance Report 2013-14 may expedite their response and supply within week's time.
- ii. Performae developed for the collection of data from Departments of Health & LHW(s) and NGOs will be circulated to the stockholders for having their comments in the week's time. Then Performae will be finalized and an application in MS-access will be developed, for online data entry for which training will also be provided to all data suppliers.
- iii. Contraceptive Performance data will be collected on the quarterly basis from Directorate of Health (DOH) & LHW(s) and NGOs. Representative from PBS, may be invited, in the coordination committee meetings arranged at provincial level, for developing liaison with all agencies involved in supply of data on the subject of the Contraceptive Performae.
- iv. WHO standard for internationally revised conversion formulae for (CYP) and for number of users, required in calculation of (CPR), will be checked. Then matter will be taken up to the Governing Council for having decision on the issue.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair along-with the closing remarks that valuable comments of the participants would help to improve the Contraceptive Performance Data Base and Reports in future.

MEETING REGARDING SCHEDULE AND QUESTIONNAIRES OF AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2016:

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member, National Accounts in Conference Room, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Lahore on 14th March, 2015 regarding schedule and questionnaires of Agriculture Census 2016.

After detail discussion the following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- i. The chair directed to write a letter to the Director (Field Services), PBS, Islamabad to identify the enumeration blocks in urban areas having livestock concentration.
- ii. The chair decided to determine the criteria for National Certainty Holdings (NCH) and write letters to the Provincial

Director General(s) Agriculture and Livestock for compilation of NCH lists. However, DGs will be contacted after getting Directives from the Provincial Chief Secretaries. The chair also directed to initiate the request for Directives from the Provincial Chief Secretaries.

- iii. A list of ministries / departments / federal and provincial research / academic institutions may be sent to the PBS (HQ) Islamabad and to be finalized till 15th April, 2015.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME :

Internship of Statistics Students from Kinnaird College, Lahore was successfully completed on 23-01-2015. Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics awarded the certificates among the internees on the graduation ceremony held at PBS, Lahore.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician alongwith Mr. Tariq Malik, Member (SS), Senior officers of PBS, Senior faculty members of Kinnaird College and participants on the graduation ceremony of the internship programme held at PBS, Lahore on 23-01-2015



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SYED KHURSHID ALAM BOKHARI, SECRETARY STATISTICS DIVISION

Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari, an officer of Police Service of Pakistan, has joined as Secretary, Statistics Division on 7th January, 2015. Earlier to this, he was serving as Provincial Chief, Intelligence Bureau Punjab.



Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari has a digressive career profile. On completing his Masters in English Literature from Government College, Lahore in December, 1977, he qualified competitive examination for Central Superior Services and joined Civil Service Academy in March, 1979 where he was inducted into Pakistan Foreign Service. Later, he switched over to Police Service of Pakistan in December, 1980 after re-writing the competitive examination. He spent his earlier twelve years in Sindh Province whereby he served as ASP in several sub-divisions and commanded a number of districts, both in Karachi and interior of Sindh; besides doing an assignment as Commandant Police College Saeedabad, Karachi. His services were allocated to province of the Punjab in 1993. He discharged his duties on multifarious range of important positions including command as District SP, Battalion Commander Punjab

Constabulary, AIG Training, SSP Investigation and Director Anti-Corruption Establishment in addition to a stint as Director, Intelligence Bureau, Multan.

On promotion in May, 2005, he was posted as Deputy Inspector General of Police, National Highways and Motorways Police, South Zone, which then comprised Sindh and Balochistan Provinces. Thereafter his services were placed at the disposal of Intelligence Bureau where he started his long innings of about eight years in March, 2007 as Deputy Director General (Political) at its Headquarter in Islamabad. This was the tumultuous year witnessing political and judicial somersaults of huge dimensions that changed the course of national polity. Being privy to the critical developments, he acquired enormous understanding of the invisible undercurrents. Subsequently he served as Provincial Chief of Intelligence Bureau, Balochistan as well as Punjab for more than six years and thus intimately partook of the political, social and statecraft dynamics.

Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari participated in a number of mandatory and other inland courses. He also attended foreign training programmes in France and Turkey. He undertook visits to Japan, China, USA, UK, Switzerland, Belgium, Romania, Netherlands, Iran and KSA on official counts. This vast exposure coupled with versatile experience in different segments of policing, anti-corruption regime and sensitive realm of intelligence have remarkably broadened the base of his orientation and enlarged the horizons of his imagination. His administrative, investigative and analytical faculties developed over the years enable him to acquit himself diligently of all kinds of responsibilities in the national dispensation.