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Subject: **Clarification on the article titled, “Busting the growth myth” published in the News International dated 06-12-2019.**

Reference article titled, “Busting the growth myth” published in the News International dated 06-12-2019.

The contents of the article reflect that the learned writer is not aware of the time line and dissemination policy of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) regarding Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSM). 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. QIM is prepared by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on monthly basis with a time lag of 45-days which means the figures in current month reflect the indicators (growth or decline) for one month prior to ongoing month. This is because, data for QIM is collected from different sources i.e. Oil Companies Advisory Committee (OCAC), Ministry of Industries & Production and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics which takes considerable time despite concerted efforts for data collection from various industries. Upon receipt of data, PBS compiles data without any delay and publishes it on official website.

2. In contrast, Import/Export data is provided by FBR to PBS which is readily available and synchronized with PBS system. Hence, it is published with a shorter time lag.

3. PBS would like to state that PBS compiles the statistics according to well stated and publically shared methodology which is based on international standards.

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