

# **Data Dissemination Policy**

## **Introduction**

Collection, compilation and dissemination of data on various socio-economic sectors is the primary function of PBS. These data are collected from primary and Secondary Sources. The primary data are collected through different surveys such as Labour Force Survey (LFS), Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), Pakistan Integrated Household Survey (PIHS), Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) etc. Secondary data such as Foreign Trade Statistics, Industrial Statistics, Transport and Communication Statistics, social statistics, agriculture Statistics, Environment statistics etc. are collected from the records of concerned Ministries/Departments. Demand for data is increasing tremendously and that too in computer readable form on computer tapes/diskettes etc. Such demands are made mainly by various Government/Semi-Govt., Non Government Organization (NGOs), Research Institutions, and Universities etc. within and outside the country.

The previous policy adopted by PBS for data supply was that aggregate level data (tabulation) was provided to the users free of charges and this practice will continue. However special tabulation in the required computer readable format would be supplied to users on demand, with charges to be deposited in the government treasury. In case of demand for the sensitive information /data, the same may be supplied with the prior approval of the Federal Statistics Authority i.e. Secretary, Statistics Division.

In this age of information technology, the researchers/user are extending their demands for data at micro level. Consequently PBS has revised its data dissemination policy as under.

## **Dissemination Policy**

### **Level/Format of Data to be supplied**

To maintain the confidentiality of statistical data, the micro level data may be supplied on tapes/diskettes after removing the micro-level identification only after publication of report.

### **Terms and Conditions for Data User/Researcher**

- a. The user shall provide an undertaking that the data collected from PBS will not be supplied to any other person/organization either free of cost or on payment.
- b. The user shall acknowledge the source of data and supply copies of the research work/articles (published/unpublished) to PBS.

### **Confidentiality of Information**

It will be ensured that the statistics supplied will not disclose in any way the identity and state of affairs of any individual, firm or institution in strict compliance of the General Statistics Act, 1975.

## Cost of Data

a. Data collection, compilation and its processing involve huge cost. Therefore, it has been decided that the data users (other than government agencies) must share the cost of data. The charges of data to be recovered from users are given in the following schedule. The amount will be deposited in the Government treasury by the user and a copy of the challan/receipt will be provided to PBS. The user will also supply diskettes/magnetic tapes etc. to PBS for collecting the data.

b. A user in the foreign country may remit the charges as per schedule given hereinafter. The amount in US Dollar may be transferred to:

### USA Correspondent Bank:

National Bank of Pakistan  
100 Wall Street, 21st. Floor, New York, NY 10005, USA  
SWIFT Code: NBPAUS33  
ABA No: 026004721

### Beneficiary Bank:

National Bank of Pakistan (Challan Form)  
Main Branch, Islamabad  
SWIFT Code: NBPAPKKA021

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### Schedule of charges

Type of data	Semi Govt. / Private, Educational Research Institutions	Individual researchers and students		International agencies, NGOs and foreign missions	
Survey data set (per Survey per year)	Rs. 3,000	1,000	40	5,000	200
Foreign Trade data set: (Export/Import Country by Commodity or commodity by country)					
For one - two months/quarter	Rs. 3,000	1,000	50	2,000	100
For one - two years	Rs. 4,000	2,000	55	3,000	150
For three- five years	Rs. 5,000	2,500	90	5,000	250
Price Data, per data set of Consumer Price Index (CPI) & Sensitive Price Index (SPI) or Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for one month.	Rs. 200	100	10	500	30
Other Misc. data or survey tables in piece meal (Per table per year)	Rs. 200	100	10	300	30

Note:

- a. The amount paid by a Foreign user in US \$ includes cost of diskettes and postal charges.
- b. The request from individual students should be made through Vice chancellor or Head of the Departments concerned.
- c. Cost of data in terms of US\$ is subject to change with the change of exchange rate in terms of Pak. Rupee.

### **Deposit of Sale Procedures**

The Payment in Pak rupees and the Bank Draft in Foreign exchange received from a foreign user from abroad will be deposited to the Government Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan, Main Branch, Islamabad under the appropriate Head of Accounts as under:

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C 02470 - Statistics - OTHERS

### **Data supply free of Cost**

The data will be supplied free of cost to Govt. Departments, Govt. Controlled Research Institutions Like PIDE, NIPS, State Bank of Pakistan, Universities and UN/International Organization like UN Statistics Division, IMF, ECO, OIC, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, ESCAP, and UNESCO.

The PBS may supply micro data set on floppy diskettes on complimentary basis to any individual researchers/organization with the approval of competent authority on "Data Exchange Basis" or "Joint Research Analysis Purpose".