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MEETING TO REVIEW THE WORK PLAN FOR 6TH POPULATION & HOUSING CENSUS

The Federal Minister for Finance Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chaired a meeting at the Finance Division on 30th July, 2015 to review the work plan for the upcoming 6th Population and Housing Census 2016.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics briefed the meeting on the processes so far completed by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics to get prepared for the census being conducted in 2016.

The Federal Minister for Finance appreciated the efforts of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and said that conducting the Census is an important activity as it helps in gauging the nature and strengths and weaknesses of the population and also dictates how the planning for the future should be made. He hoped that the civil and military personnel involved in the process will take utmost care in collection and processing of the data keeping in view the sensitivity of the issue and for ensuring transparency of the process.

It was informed by the Chief Statistician, PBS that the actual census activity will start in last week of March 2016 and will continue for around three weeks. Provincial Education Departments have been taken on board while fixing the time schedule of the census keeping in view the school examination schedule in the respective provinces.

The Finance Minister directed that it must be ensured that educational activities in schools should not suffer due to the census exercise.

It was decided that Census 2016 will be conducted under the supervision and monitoring of civil and armed forces in order to ensure credibility and transparency of the data. The armed forces will be responsible for maintaining law and order situation during field activity and retrieval of filled in questionnaires from the field and carrying them to Islamabad for smooth conduct of the activity.



Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chairing a meeting to review the work plan for upcoming 6th Population and Housing Census 2016

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2016

Five meetings of officers of PBS were held under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician in the Committee Room of PBS, Islamabad to review the preparation of 6th Population and Housing Census 2016.

A meeting regarding assistance of Civil Armed Forces in Field Operation alongwith Armed Forces for the conduct of 6th Population and Housing Census -2016 was held in the Ministry of Defence under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Defence on 12th August, 2015. The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary, M/O Defence, representatives of Military Operation Directorate, the Chief Statistician, PBS and other senior officers of PBS/Statistics Division.

Another meeting regarding assistance of Civil Armed Forces in Field Operation alongwith Armed Forces for the conduct of 6th Population and Housing Census - 2016 was held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Interior on 7th September 2015 in 'R' Block, Pakistan Secretariat Islamabad. The meeting was attended by representatives of all Civil Armed forces and senior officers of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

Following Members of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics have been re-appointed for second term of three years w.e.f 8th September, 2015.

- Dr. Ishrat Hussain,
Former Governor, State Bank of Pakistan,
Director, Institute of Business Administration (IBA)
- Dr. Asad Zaman,
Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad

All Chief Secretaries have been approached for the assistance of Provincial Governments in Census Operation and requested to convey a meeting on their office inviting all relevant Departments Particularly Secretary, local Government and Rural Development, Secretary Education, Secretary, S&GAD, Senior Member Board of Revenues and all commissioners. In this connection, three meetings with Chief Secretary of Punjab, Sindh and KPK separately have been held so far.

Preparation/Review of Field Operation Plan for 6th Population and Housing Census remained in progress.

Review of Control Forms for Census 2016 remained in progress.

Budget of Rs. 515 million in 1st quarter of different heads of accounts for preparatory activities of Census 2016 have been approved by the Finance Ministry.

Terms of References (TORs) for assessment of ICR scanners and other equipments were sent to UNFPA for hiring consultant for assessment.

Annexure-E of JPC-6 describing structure and capacity of PBS alongwith activity calendar for 6th Population and Housing Census was sent to UNFPA with the approval of Chief Statistician.

The area list frame is being updated in the light of summary received from the Regional/Field Offices. All data received upto 30-09-2015 has been incorporated in the said frame.

Preparation of sets of ammonia copies of mauza maps having one block of Rawalpindi district, AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan remained in progress for the forthcoming Census-2016.

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 centers were collected. Sensitive Price Indicators (SPI) for 53 essential items with base year 2007-08 for each Income Group and Combined were compiled and released according to prescribed schedule

ii. Consumer and Wholesale Price Indices

Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the month of September, 2015 have been finalized.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

- Monthly Review of Foreign Trade Data for the month of July, 2015 has been issued.
- The unit value indices, quantum indices and terms of trade of exports and imports (all groups) for the month of July, 2015 remained in progress.
- Checking of import/export data for the month of August, 2015 remained in progress.
- Listing / checking of import/export data for the month of September, 2015 remained in progress.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS STATISTICS

- The estimates of Gross Value Added (GVA) for the years 2012-13 (Final), 2013-14 (Revised) and 2014-15 (Provisional) have been Finalized.
- The GFCF estimates for the years 2012-13(Final), 2013-14 (Revised) and 2014-15 (Provisional) of different sectors have been finalized.
- Work on the National Health Accounts Report 2013-14 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 (District Level 2014-15)

100% field work, 100% retrieval of schedules from the field, 100% editing/coding of filled in questionnaires, 100% Data Processing and 30% Tabulation has been completed.

PSLM (HICS 2015-16)

4% field work has been completed

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2014-15

Quarter-IV

100% field work, 99% retrieval of schedules from the field 99% editing/coding and 90% Data Processing has been completed.

DATA PROCESSING CENTRES

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

i.LFS 4th Quarter 2014-15.

ii.PSLM (District level)- 2014-2015

iii.Contraceptive Performance Report of 3rd Quarter 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 organizations and other national & international agencies continued during the reporting period.

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 October, 2015

Index	Average July - Oct % Change		% Change Oct over Oct	
	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15
CPI	1.65	7.09	1.61	5.82
SPI	-0.84	5.14	-0.09	4.12
WPI	-2.99	3.44	-2.66	1.27

1. CPI inflation, General increased by 1.6% on year-on-year basis in October 2015 as compared to an increase 1.3% in the previous month and 5.8% in October 2014. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.5% in October 2015 as compared to decrease of 0.1% in the previous month and increase of 0.2% in October 2014.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 3.4% on (YoY) basis in October 2015 as compared to increase 3.4% in the previous month and 7.8% in October 2014. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.6% in October 2015 as compared to increase of 0.1% in the previous month and 0.7% in October 2014.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 2.8% on (YoY) basis in October 2015 as compared to 2.8% in the previous month and by 6.0% in October 2014. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.4% in October 2015 as compared to increase of 0.1% in the previous month and 0.4% in October 2014.

4. SPI inflation on YoY decreased by 0.1% in October 2015 as compared to decrease of 1.3% a month earlier and an increase of 4.1% in October 2014. On MoM basis, it increased by 1.2% in October 2015 as compared to a increase of 0.5% a month earlier and no change in October 2014.

5. WPI inflation on YoY basis decreased by 2.7% in October 2015 as compared to decrease of 3.5% a month earlier and an increase of 1.3% in October 2014. WPI inflation on MoM basis increased by 0.5% in October 2015 as compared to decrease of 0.4% a month earlier and 0.3% in October 2014.

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
Aug, 15	1.8	0.2	0.4	0.3	2.8	0.2	4.0	0.1	2.8	0.1	-1.5	-0.2	-2.9	-0.5
Sep, 15	1.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	2.4	0.1	3.4	0.1	2.8	0.1	-1.3	0.5	-3.5	-0.4
Oct, 15	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	2.4	0.5	3.4	0.6	2.8	0.4	-0.1	1.2	-2.7	0.5

*non-food non energy,
**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 October, 2015 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)	
October, 2015	1.18	1.30	0.59	0.89	0.70	0.83

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during September, 2015 amounted to Rs.180,491 million (provisional) as against Rs. 187,737 million (provisional) in August, 2015 and Rs.222,614 million during September, 2014 showing a decrease of 3.86% over August, 2015 and of 18.92% over September, 2014.

2) In terms of US dollars the exports in September, 2015 was \$ 1,732 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,835 million (provisional) in August, 2015 showing a decrease of 5.61% and by 20.37% as compared to \$ 2,175 million in September, 2014.

3) Exports during July - September, 2015 totalled Rs.529,761 million (provisional) as against Rs.602,722 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.11%.

4) In terms of US dollars the exports during July - September, 2015 totalled \$ 5,155 million (provisional) against \$ 6,000 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.08%.

5) Main commodities of exports during September, 2015 were Knitwear (Rs.21,117 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.20,216 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,054 million), Readymade garments (Rs.16,124 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.12,703 million), Rice others (Rs.8,998 million), Towels (Rs.7,290 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,020 million), Rice basmati (Rs.3,954 million) and leather tanned (Rs.3,486 million).

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

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in September, 2015 over	
		August 2015	September 2014
1	Knitwear	-2.39	-6.50
2	Cotton cloth	-0.39	-12.89
3	Bedwear	-1.71	-12.52
4	Readymade garments	-10.34	-1.24
5	Cotton yarn	-9.81	-28.83
6	Rice others	2.67	36.33
7	Towels	10.50	1.25
8	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	13.09	4.93
9	Rice Basmati	7.94	-43.48
10	Leather tanned	6.35	-27.16

IMPORTS

6) Imports into Pakistan during September, 2015 amounted to Rs.363,131 million (provisional) as against Rs. 391,260 million (provisional) in August, 2015 and Rs.464,876 million during September, 2014 showing a decrease of 7.19% over August, 2015 and of 21.89 over September, 2014.

7) In terms of US dollars the imports in September, 2015 was \$ 3,485 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,823 million (provisional) in August, 2015 showing a decrease of 8.84% and by 23.27% as compared to \$ 4,542 million in September, 2014.

8) Imports during July - September, 2015 totalled Rs.1,094,910 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,254,084 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.69%.

9) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - September, 2015 totalled \$ 10,656 million (provisional) as against \$ 12,474 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.57%.

10) Main commodities of imports during September, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.45,673 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.19,028 million), Palm oil (Rs.16,816 million), Iron & steel (Rs.14,475 million), Plastic materials (Rs.13,307 million), Fertilizer manufactured (Rs.12,129 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.9,862 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.9,509 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.7,143 million), and Mobile phones (Rs.7,032 million).

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

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in September, 2015 over	
		August 2015	September 2014
1	Petroleum products	-17.12	-44.98
2	Petroleum crude	-54.48	-69.05
3	Palm oil	-3.33	-9.68
4	Iron & Steel	-29.17	-16.34
5	Plastic materials	-17.89	-5.48
6	Fertilizer manufactured	113.54	21.48
7	Power generating machinery	-24.33	-19.43
8	Electrical machinery & apparatus	5.35	-8.33
9	Iron & steel scrap	-16.24	-32.23
10	Mobile phones	14.51	35.15

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 September, 2015 with base year 2005-06, have been developed on the basis of latest data supplied by the source agencies. The indices for July - September, 2015-16 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are given below

	SOURCE	Indices for July - Sep		Change %	Growth Impact
		2015-16	2014-15		
1	OCAC	109.95	104.86	4.85	0.34
2	Ministry of Industries	110.78	107.00	3.54	2.30
3	Provincial BOS	156.20	149.59	4.42	1.24
4	OVER ALL	120.64	116.14	-	3.88

The over-all output of LSMI increased by 3.88% for July-September, 2015-16 as compared to July-Sep, 2014-15.

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

	SOURCE	Indices			Change %		Growth Impact	
		Sep 2015	Sep 2014	Aug 2015	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY
1	OCAC	113.49	101.96	108.75	4.35	11.30	0.29	0.74
2	Ministry of Industries	113.32	111.77	115.07	-1.52	1.38	-1.00	0.91
3	Provincial BOS	155.29	152.08	156.58	-0.82	2.11	-0.23	0.58
4	OVER ALL	122.50	119.82	123.65	-	-	-0.93	2.23

The LSMI output increased by 2.23% for September, 2015 as compared to September, 2014 and decreased by 0.93% if compared with August, 2015.

As a result, overall Large Scale Manufacturing Sector has shown growth of 3.88% during July - September 2015-16 when compared with the same period of last year.

AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2016

Agricultural Census -2016 will be conducted from January to June 2016 throughout the country. This census will cover agriculture land, crops, livestock and agricultural machinery. An advisory committee meeting was convened to discuss data requirement by data users and other allied matters

Advisory Committee Meeting:

Meeting of Advisory committee regarding Agricultural Census-2016 was held in the committee room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Agricultural Census Wing, Lahore under the chair of Chief Statistician, PBS. Agenda of the meeting was as follow:

1. Census methodology
2. Field operation
3. Compilation of National Certainty Holdings (NCH)
4. Census questionnaires
5. Data processing
6. Tabulation plan
7. Publication plan

The Senior Officers from four provinces of Agriculture Departments, Livestock Departments, Bureaus of Statistics and Planning & Development Departments, Professors from the Universities, the Heads of Research Organizations, the Heads of Provincial Crop Reporting Services, Progressive Farmers, President Zari Taraqiati Bank, Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security and Senior Officers from different Federal Departments, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad State of Jammu & Kashmir attended the meeting. The participants of meeting commented and discussed each agenda items in detail and put their suggestions for improvement of census. They suggested improvements in proposed census methodology, sample design, field operation strategy, questionnaires and set the limits for Mouza Certainty Holdings (MCH) and National Certainty Holdings (NCH).

The Criteria set for NCH is as under:

- All Government Agricultural, livestock, Dairy and Military farms.
- Households operating land 100 acres and above.
- Households having 50 and above cattle or buffaloes or both.
- Households having 200 or above goats or sheep or both.
- Households having 25 or above camels.

The Criteria set for MCH is as under:

- Households (in selected mouza), having 25 and above cattle or buffaloes or both.
- Households having 25 or more camels.
- Households (in selected mouza) having 50 and above goats or sheep or both.
- Household (in selected mouza) operating land 20 acres and above.
- The nomadic/gipsy/migratory people if found in the boundary of selected Mouza / urban block during the listing or enumeration.
- In selected urban blocks, households having / operating agricultural land or having any number of livestock.

Questionnaire Designing:

The census questionnaires are considered to be the basic census documents and are of key importance to success of the census. A questionnaire becomes the vehicle for collecting the desired information. Keeping in view the importance, new questionnaires were designed and presented in the meeting of Advisory Committee. In the light of comments and valuable suggestions by the members of Advisory Committee questionnaires have been improved and sent to the PBS headquarters, Islamabad.

Sample Selection of Mouzas:

Proposed sample design was presented in the meeting of Advisory Committee. The sample selection of Mouzas /blocks is in progress at sample Design Section of PBS, Islamabad.

Preparation of National Certainty Holdings (NCH) List: Letters have been issued to Executive District Officers of Agricultural Extension Department of all districts of Punjab and Deputy Directors, Agricultural Extension Department of all districts of Sindh as well as to the concerned authorities of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Khyber Pakhtoonkha, Gilgit Baltistan, Islamabad and Balochistan for preparation of National Certainty Holdings lists in connection with forthcoming Agricultural Census -2016 as their concerned Director Generals have issued the necessary directives / instructions to them for the purpose. Receipt of filled in documents of NCH from agricultural department is in progress. Letter has also been issued to GHQ, QMG Branch, Rawalpindi to supply a complete list of all such farms in the country maintained by the Military Farms (agriculture, livestock, dairy farms) etc. Reminders relating to retrieval of NCH lists from Balochistan province have also been issued to expedite the matter.



PAKISTAN SOCIAL LIVING STANDARDS MEASUREMENT (PSLM)

PSLM project activities which started in 2004-05 come to an end in 30th June 2015, now PSLM survey has become a regular activity of PBS.

The reports of the PSLM Survey 2013-14 have been finalized, printed and placed on PBS website. Tabulation is in progress for PSLM 2014-15 (District level) survey.

HIICS SURVEY 2015-16

Household Integrated Income and Consumption Survey (HIICS) 2015-16, is especially designed by merging Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES) and Family Budget Survey (FBS). The main aim of Family Budget survey is to derive weights for Rebasing of Price Statistics, last time during Rebasing of National Accounts this survey was conducted in the year 2007-08. Family Budget Survey collects information on consumption of items of predetermined basket of goods and services for deriving weights for Price Statistics. Previously this survey was conducted only in urban areas but this time it is planned to include rural areas in the scope of FBS to derive separate weights for urban & rural areas. Like FBS, HIES survey also collects information on Consumption of items according to Classification of Individual Consumption of Purpose (COICOP) along with Income and social indicators. This survey is also conducted in both urban and rural areas of all four provinces. Therefore, it was decided to integrate both activities only for this year to avoid duplication of efforts and for enhancing data quality. The data is being collected by team approach. It is worth mentioning here that in HIICS, data on Health, Population welfare will not be collected. From year 2016-17 the PSLM/HIES activities likely to be continued as per previous practice on alternate years.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Training regarding HIICS Survey has been imparted at two different stations i.e. Islamabad and Karachi. Field work is in operation in all four provinces.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS presenting the special shield to Mr. Mumtaz Uddin Sheikh, DDG, PBS on his farewell party held at Islamabad

RETIREMENTS IN PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS:

The following officers/officials of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics retired from service :

- ❖ Mr. Mumtaz Uddin Sheikh, Deputy Director General, PBS Islamabad on 13th August, 2015
- ❖ Mr. Muhammad Ishrat, Statistical Officer, PBS, Karachi on 19th September, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Ikramullah, Assistant Census Commissioner, PBS, FATA on 4th September, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Mazhar Mehmood, Statistical Assistant, PBS, Islamabad on 10th September, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Safi ur Rehman, Statistical Assistant, PBS, Lahore on 31st July, 2015.