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APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Mr. Javaid Aslam has been appointed as Secretary, Statistics Division. Prior to this he was serving as Chairman, Planning and Development Board, Government of Punjab, Lahore. Mr. Javaid Aslam did his Masters in English Literature from Punjab University, Lahore and Master in Development Administration from U.K. He did his Programme in Investment Appraisal from Harvard University. Mr. Javaid Aslam started his professional career in 1980 as Assistant Commissioner / ADC (G) at various stations in Punjab province. In 1986 he joined his duties as Chief of Section, Planning and Development Department Punjab in (BPS-18). In 1990 he was appointed Economic Advisor (BPS-19) in S&GA Department, Punjab.

Mr. Javaid Aslam was appointed Deputy Commissioner at Sialkot and Rawalpindi in 1991 and 1993 respectively. He was posted Commercial Counselor (BPS-20) in New York, USA in 1995. He was appointed Secretary, Labour and Manpower Department and then Secretary, Transport Division in 1991. He served as Commissioner Sargodha Division in 2000.

Mr. Javaid Aslam was appointed Secretary, P&D Department in 2001. He worked as Member Colonies, Board of Revenues Punjab in 2003. He was appointed as Secretary, HUD&PHE Department Punjab in 2004. He was appointed Secretary, Education and Secretary, Excise and Taxation Punjab in 2005-2006.

Mr. Javaid Aslam was appointed Additional Chief Secretary (BPS-21) SA&GAD Punjab in 2008. He was promoted as Chairman (BPS-22) Planning and Department Board Punjab in 2010.

Mr. Javaid Aslam is also author of a book titled "Deputy Commissioner in Pakistan-The Changing Role"

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in the farewell party of Mr. Sohail Ahmed Secretary, Statistics Division hosted by the senior officers of Statistics Division and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics at Islamabad

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEO SPATIAL DATA STANDARDIZATION

National conference on geographical systems in Pakistan was held at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics presided over. Mr.Sohail Ahmed, Secretary Statistics Division was the chief guest of the national conference. The event was organized by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in collaboration with UNFPA and UN-HABITAT aiming to share the work done by the different stakeholders on Geo-spatial data standardization, data policy and data sharing. The federal and provincial secretaries, senior officers and Geo experts from all over the country participated in the conference.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician while addressing the participants of the conference said that knowledge of geospatial data has great importance and many varied benefits as individuals and organizations in the public and private sector use geospatial information for activities such as recreation, natural resource management, asset management, and land use planning. He said that new technology has opened new avenues of applications for data previously under-utilized due to inherent constraints related to the traditional form of information distribution using paper map technology.

Mr. Asif Bajwa said that GIS technology can play a decisive role in promoting economically and socially feasible solutions to the existing problems of various sectors of economy. "Accurate and consistent geospatial data is essential in helping us to manage our current resources and plan for the future to achieve goals of sustainable development in the country", he remarked. A variety of information needs to be collected from a variety of sources and must be integrated to plan, monitor, and evaluate development programs, he added. New technologies offer the opportunity to meet these and other needs. But unless the spatial databases exist and unless policies and standards are in place to facilitate the access to and use of spatial data on a broad scale, the opportunity is lost, he added. He said that PBS will hold conferences and discussions on such important issues in future as well.

Mr. Sohail Ahmed, Secretary Statistics Division highlighted the importance of the conference and said that it will help to share the expertise of other stakeholders in the field of data collection. He said that the presentations made by different experts were quite informative and thought provoking which shall be taken note by the stake holders and Statisticians for strategizing their future plan of action.

The Secretary, Statistics Division said that population of Pakistan has grown at a considerable higher growth rate which consumes much of the development efforts made

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics alongwith Mr. Sohail Ahmed, Secretary, Statistics Division and Miss Bella Evidente, Officer Incharge UN-HABITAT in the national conference on Geo Spatial Data Standardization held at Islamabad

by the Government. At the same time sustained efforts of the Government in the short and long run shall be able to curtail the growing population to a level which could not pressurize our resources. He said that human resources development efforts shall make optimal use of available manpower resources for improving the quality of life of the people of Pakistan. With the process of devolution of power to local levels the role of Provincial/Local Governments has gained much importance, he said all relevant Ministries / Divisions/ Departments should extend their whole hearted support and cooperation to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

Miss Bella Evidente, Officer Incharge UN-HABITAT said that GIS labs have been established in all major cities including Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar and Quetta, besides the labes have also been developed in Multan and Muzaffarabad. Mr. Rabbi Royan, representative of UNFPA said that the discussions and recommendations made in the conference shall go a long way for holding and producing spatial data for next census in a befitting manner.

The geo experts including Mr. Tariq Malik, Member (IT), Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad, Dr. Nasir Javed, Urban Unit, Lahore, Mr. Fahim Zaman, Executive Director and Head of Dawn Media of GIS, Karachi, Dr. Ihsanullah, University of Peshawar, Dr. Imtnam Qazi, SUPARCO, Islamabad, Dr. Sohaib, LUMS, Lahore and Dr. Tahir Mehmood Butt, Senior Remote Sensing Analyst, NESPAK, Lahore made their valuable presentations in the national conference.

PROMOTIONS

Mr. Dost Muhammad Director (DP) has been promoted to the post of DDG (Computer) Mr. Fazil Mehmood Baig, Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Mr. Anjum Saeed, Syed Muhammad Shafay, Mr. Muhammad Akram Assi and Mr. Khalid Hussain has been promoted to the post of Director in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

FAREWELL TO SECRETARY

A farewell party was organized by the senior officers of PBS and Stastistics Division at Islamabad club in the honour of Mr. Sohail Ahmed Secretary, Statistics Division who has been posted as Chairman Planning and Development Board, Punjab. The farewell party was attended by all the senior officers including Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and Member Resource Management Vice Admiral (R) Waqar Siddiq HI (M).

RETIREMENT

Mr. Kanwar Muhammad Khalil, Superintendent (Admn) and Mr. Inamullah Nisar, S.A. Agricultural Census Wing, PBS, Lahore has been retired on 02.02.2013 and 01.02.2013 on attaining the age of superannuation.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Dildar Hussain, Assistant Agricultural Census Commissioner ACO Wing, Lahore made a presentation about his four month training at SIAP, Japan. Presentation was an over view of the " Production & Development of Official Statistics-3 (PDOS-3) Course and Japan experience".

VISIT OF MEMBER RESOURSE MANAGEMENT

Vice Admiral (R) Mr. Waqar Siddiq , Member Resourse Management visited Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Lahore on 18th and 19th March, 2013. During his visit following matters were discussed with the concerned officers of FBS Wing, PCO Wing and ACO Wing at Lahore

1. Updating of urban maps
2. Renovation of DP / GIS Lab
3. Construction of building for Training Wing
4. Preparations for conduct of Agricultural Machinery Census 2014
5. Administrative and financial issues

PAKISTAN SOCIAL LIVING STANDARDS MEASUREMENT (PSLM) SURVEY

Pakistan Social & Living standards Measurement (PSLM) Survey project is a regular activity of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). This project is purely GOP funded and approved with total cost of Rs. 760.750 million for the period July 2004 to June 2015. Report of the PSLM 2011-12(Round VII) at National/Provincial Level containing Social indicators and HIES report is being finalized. Field operations of PSLM Project round 8 (District Level) for the year 2012-13 is in progress and likely to be completed by May 2013 . During the next financial year 2013-14, 9th round of PSLM (National/Provincial Level) survey activities will be carried out and report of the 8th round will also be prepared.

PRICE STATISTICS

Since the establishment of (former Federal Bureau of Statistics) present Pakistan Bureau of Statistics efforts have made to compute various types of price indices in order to provide data to the Planner, Policy Makers and Economic Analyst.

Price Statistics includes collection of Retail and Wholesale prices and computation of following indices.

1. Consumer Price Indicator (CPI)
2. Wholesale Price Indicator (WPI)
3. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI)

The latest data of CPI, WPI and SPI new base of 2007-08 are given below.

% Change of CPI, WPI and SPI for the month of March 2013

% Change March over March			Average July - March	
Index	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12
CPI	6.57	10.79	7.98	10.79
WPI	7.89	4.47	8.05	12.17
SPI	8.65	6.09	8.00	6.62

1. CPI inflation, General, increased by 6.6% on year-on-year basis in March 2013 as compared to 7.4% in the previous month and 10.8% in March 2012. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 0.4% in March 2013 as compared to a decrease of 0.3% in the previous month and an increase of 1.2% in March 2012.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 9.0% in March 2013 as compared to 9.6% in February 2013 (YoY) and by 10.8% in March 2012. Core NFNE inflation on MoM basis increased by 0.4% in March 2013 as compared to 0.4% a month earlier and 1.0% in March 2012.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 8.4% in March 2013 and by 9.2% in February 2013 (YoY) which increased by 10.5% in March 2012. Core Trimmed inflation has increased by 0.2% on MoM basis in March 2013 as compared to 0.2% in February 2013 which increased by 0.8% in March 2012.

4.SPI inflation on YoY basis increased by 8.7% in March 2013 as compared with 9.4% a month earlier and 6.1% in March 2012. On MoM basis, it increased by 0.8% in March 2013 as compared to an increase of 0.1% a month earlier and 1.5% in March 2012.

5. WPI inflation on YoY basis increased to 7.9% in March 2013 compared with 8.3% a month earlier and 4.5% in March 2012. WPI inflation on MoM basis increased by 0.3% in March 2013 as compared to an increase of 0.3% a month earlier and increased by 0.7% in March 2012.

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
Jan,13	8.1	1.7	8.1	1.9	8.1	1.5	9.9	1.2	9.9	1.0	9.2	1.9	8.6	1.2
Feb,13	7.4	-0.3	7.4	-1.3	7.4	0.3	9.6	0.4	9.2	0.2	9.4	0.1	8.3	0.3
Mar, 13	6.6	0.4	6.3	0.5	6.7	0.3	9.0	0.4	8.4	0.2	8.7	0.8	7.9	0.3

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2013 amounted to Rs.179,817 million (provisional) as against Rs. 197,202 million (provisional) in January, 2013 and Rs.182,158 million during February, 2012 showing a decrease of 8.82% over January,2013 and of 1.29% over February, 2012.

2) In terms of US dollars the exports in February, 2013 was $ 1,835 million (provisional) as compared to $ 2,023 million (provisional) in January, 2013 showing a decrease of 9.29% and by 8.71% as compared to $ 2,010 million in February, 2012.

3) Exports during July-February, 2012 - 2013 totalled Rs. 1,523,043 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,331,603 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.38%.

4) In terms of US dollars the exports during July - February, 2012 - 2013 totalled $ 15,883 million (provisional) as against $ 15,128 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of4.99%.

5) Main commodities of exports during February, 2013 were Cotton cloth (Rs.20,013 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.18,005 million), Knitwear (Rs.13,618 million), Rice others (Rs.13,267 million), Readymade garments (Rs.12,865 million), Bedwear (Rs.12,813 million), Jewellary (Rs.7,528 million), Towels (Rs.5,575 million), Fruits (Rs.5,359 million) and Rice basmati (Rs.4,895 million).

6) The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during February, 2013 over January, 2013 and February, 2012 is given below:-

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2013 over	
		January, 2013	February, 2012
1	Cotton cloth	-0.98	9.22
2	Cotton yarn	19.62	29.50
3	Knitwear	-12.62	11.37
4	Rice others	-31.74	-4.04
5	Readymade garments	-18.17	5.17
6	Bedwear	-12.83	12.96
7	Jewellary	73.10	-43.86
8	Towels	-17.14	2.03
9	Fruits	-20.90	11.37
10	Rice basmati	7.68	2.06

IMPORTS

7) Imports into Pakistan during February, 2013 amounted to Rs.331,465 million (provisional) as against Rs. 366,823 million (provisional) in January, 2013 and Rs.313,708 million during February, 2012 showing a decrease of 9.64% over January, 2013 but an increase of 5.66% over February, 2012.

8) In terms of US dollars the imports in February, 2013 was $ 3,383 million (provisional) as compared to $ 3,763 million (provisional) in January, 2013 showing a decrease of 10.10% and by 2.28% as compared to $ 3,462 million in February, 2012.

9) Imports during July - February, 2012 - 2013 totalled Rs.2,788,129 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,621,816 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 6.34%.

10) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - February, 2012 - 2013 totalled $ 29,069 million (provisional) as against $ 29,788 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.41%.

11) Main commodities of imports during February, 2013 were Petroleum products (Rs.59,864 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.32,773 million), Palm oil (Rs.19,740 million), Iron & steel (Rs.14,234 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.11,779 million), Raw cotton (Rs.11,640 million), Plastic materials (Rs.11,557 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.7,408 million), Other apparatus (Telecom) (Rs.6,056 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.5,313 million).

12) The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during February, 2013 over January, 2013 and February, 2012 is given below:-

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2013 over	
		January, 2013	February, 2012
1	Petroleum products	-11.31	3.09
2	Petroleum crude	-25.27	-31.75
3	Palm oil	8.97	29.31
4	Iron & Steel	-6.32	52.50
5	Power generating machinery	60.52	51.85
6	Raw cotton	-23.62	176.48
7	Plastic materials	-8.76	5.69
8	Electrical machinery & apparatus	10.77	27.68
9	Other apparatus (Telecom)	0.97	207.72
10	Medicinal products	19.29	19.58

93rd MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (NAC)

The 93rd meeting of the National Accounts Committee was held on 3rd May, 2013 at11.00 a.m in the committee room of the Statistics Division, Islamabad to review & examine the estimates of GDP and GFCF for the year 2005-06 to 2012-13 at basic prices.

Mr. Javaid Aslam, Secretary Statistics Division chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member (National Accounts), Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Chief Macro Planning, Planning & Development Division and representatives of State Bank of Pakistan, Federal & Provincial Departments. The Chairman appreciated that he has a professional like Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician. He applauded the work of national accounts staff. Later he invited Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Member (National Accounts) to present the estimates.

Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema made a presentation by highlighting the main features of the new rebasing. He also made a comparison of old base estimates 2005-06 with the new base. Later he presented the estimates for other years & answered the questions of the participants. The committee approved the estimates.

MEETING ON REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF CENSUS OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (CMI) 2010-11

A meeting regarding review of progress of Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI) 2010-11 was held on 16-05-2013 in the committee room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) under the chairmanship of the Chief Statistician, PBS. It was attended by all the Provincial Secretaries Industries except Balochistan, Member (IT) PBS, Member (RM) PBS and Member (NA) PBS. The honorable Chief Statistician, PBS welcomed all the participants and highlighted the importance of CMI. The Deputy Director General (Industries) PBS gave a detailed presentation regarding progress of CMI 2010-11 and also indicated the issues hindering its progress. The Chief Statistician invited the provincial secretaries to share their views on the progress of CMI. All the secretaries discussed the issues in detail and also assured to complete the field activities of CMI within stipulated time frame i-e 30-06-2013. After detailed deliberations it was decided that

(a) PBS will print 6000 blank CMI questionnaires for directorate of industries and they will ensure the follow up and retrieval of all these questionnaires.

(b) All provincial directorates of Industries will provide the list of closed/ out of manufacturing and untraceable industries etc to PBS by 30-05-2013.

(c) All Provincial directorates will ensure timely completion of field activities of CMI.

Mr. Asif Bajwa Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics presenting the special shield to Mr. Sohail Ahmed, Secretary Statistics Division on his farewell party held at Islamabad Club, Islamabad

APPOINTMENT OF MR. NOOR AHMED AS SENIOR JOINT SECRETARY, STATISTICS DIVISION

Mr. Noor Ahmed has been appointed Senior Joint Secretary (BPS-21) in the Statistics Division and he has joined his duties on 28th March, 2013.

Mr. Noor Ahmed did his masters in history from university of Punjab, Lahore in 1988. Later on he obtained master degree in development studies in 1996 from Institute of Social Studies from Hague, Netherlands with specialization in public policy.

Mr. Noor Ahmed started his professional career as a Section Officer (Investment) in Ministry of Finance and worked on this post from 1990 to 1995. He worked as Vice President in SME bank (formerly SBFC) from February, 1995 to February, 1997.

He worked in Ministry of Finance as Deputy Secretary / Section Officer (Investment) from February, 1998 to November, 2000. He was appointed Manager Development in Khushali Bank from October, 2000 to November, 2003. He worked as Deputy Director, Public Procurement Regulatory from November, 2003 to February, 2005.

He performed his duties as Deputy Secretary (BPS-19) in Prime Minister's Secretariat (Economic Affairs Wing) from February, 2005 to May, 2009.

Mr. Noor Ahmed was promoted as a Joint Secretary (BPS-20) in the Prime Minister Secretariat (Economic Affairs Wing). As Joint Secretary he performed his duties from May, 2009 to March, 2011. He was posted in Privatization Commission as Director General where he worked from April, 2011 to April, 2012.

As Chief (Administration) Federal Board of Revenue (HQ), Islamabad Mr. Noor Ahmed performed his responsibalities from 8th May, 2012 to 27th March, 2013.

Mr. Noor Ahmed wrote papers on various issues including Policy Framework for SME's development , A framework for Overseas Investment Promotion, Micro Finance Constraints and Prospects, Women and Development, Social Sector Financing and Human Development, Public Private partnership for poverty reduction, Alternate Energy Potential, Challanges and Prospectus, Health Sector issues in Pakistan and Balochistan Development Contraints. He also made a comparative analysis of poverty alleviation policies in pakistan, China, Philippines and Sudan which was presented to University of BradFord, UK. As a part of M.A. course he wrote papers on design, implementation, eveluation and analysis of public polices / programmes.

Mr. Noor Ahmed also conducted policy level research on Implemetation of Poverty Reduction Policies / Programmes in Pakistan. The Investigation focused on institutional aspects and received distinction from the Institute of Social Studies, Hague.

Mr. Noor Ahmed attended various valuable training course from Civil Services Academy, Secretariat Training Institute, JAICA and JETRO(Japan), Asian Development Bank, ILO, University of Bradford, Manchester University, Edemburge University and University of Leeds UK and from various other organizations to develop his professional skills.

TRAINING COURSE OF PBS ON STATA SOFTWARE

One week training course on "Stata Software" was conduted from 18-22 March, 2013. Resource person for the training was Mr. Abdul Sattar, Senior Instructor PBS. PBS(TW) has received 17 nominations: 10 from PBS, 6 from Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad and one from NARC, Islamabad. On 22nd March, 2013 there was closing ceremony at PBS, Training Wing and Mr. Tariq Malik, Member Support Services, was the chief guest of the ceremony.

In his address Member Support Services highlighted the importance of the computer and information technology. Mr. Tariq Malik also encouraged the participants to improve the use of computer and information technology because it's technology century. He said that Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is also going to become a hub of data and information with new developments in the organization.

Mr. Tariq Malik, Member Support Services, congratulated the PBS (TW) on conducting such useful training and also congratulated the participants on successful completion of the training. Mr. Tariq Malik also distributed the certificates among the training participants.

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

Work on Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the month of March, 2013 has been released.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

i. Data on External Trade for website for the month of October, 2012 remained in progress.

ii. Data on External Trade for Compendium 2012 remained in progress.

iii. Review on Foreign Trade Statistics of Pakistan for the month of September, 2012 remained in progress.

iv. Monthly unit value statement of Import for the month of December, 2012 remained in progress.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS STATISTICS

i. Preparation of National Accounts for the year 2012-13 (Provisional), 2011-12 (Revised) and 2010-11 (Final) remained in progress.

ii. Collection, compilation and presentation of GFCF estimates for different sectors remained in progress.

iii. Collection of data for National Accounts from source agencies remained in progress.

iv. Draft report of National Health Accounts – 2009-10 submitted for review to Member(NA).

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICAL SERIES

As one of the regular activities of PBS, collection and compilation of data for the updating of 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

1. PSLM (District Level) – 2012-13

65% field work, 48% retrieval of schedules, 32% editing/coding and 7.50% data cleaning have been completed.

2. Census of Manufacturing Industries – 2010-11 (CMI)

i. List of Industrial Units prepared and sent to Business Register Section for verification.

ii. Checking of error list of CMI 2010-11 remained in progress.

iii. Coding / Editing of CMI 2010-11 schedules remained in progress.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2012-13

85% field work, 66% retrieval of schedules and 60% editing/coding of Quarter - III have been completed.

POPULATION CENSUS

i. The work regarding updating of urban area maps i.e. Municipal Corporations, Municipal Committees, Town Committees and Cantonment Boards is being carried out in the field through the staff of PBS. In this regard, two urban areas of Multan district, eight of Okara district, two of Rajanpur district, six of Bahawalpur, one of Layyah, four of Vehari, three of Khanewal, three of Sahiwal, six of Rahimyar Khan, four of Rawalpindi, three of Bahawalnagar, five of Muzaffagar, three of Lodharan and two of Pakpattan has so far been completed.

ii. The field work regarding splitting of big blocks of rural areas observed during House Listing Operation is in progress.

iii. Updating of area list due to creation / reconstitution of administrative units is being done as a regular activity.

iv. Updating SAARC Gender Info Base as well as updating of SAARC Gender Indicators is in progress.

v. As a regular activity supply of census data to the government / semi government as well as data users / students continued during the reporting period.

vi. Preparatory work for conduct of 6th Population and Housing Census of Pakistan is 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.

PROGRESS OF PBS - TRAINING WING

Preparatory work of training titled "Data Analysis Using SPSS" (18-22 March, 2013) has been successfully completed.

CHANGE OF BASE OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

The system of National Accounts consists of a coherent consistent and interrelated set of economic accounts for sectors are sub-sectors of the economy as a whole. It provides a set of concepts, definitions and classification within a base accounting framework. The National Accounts is a systematic framework for the presentation of statistics that provided vide range of information about the economy. It is designed for purpose of economic analysis, policy making, planning and facilitates international comparison. The first UN System of SNA was published in 1953, second 1968, third 1993 and the latest version is 2008. The first estimates of national accounts of Pakistan were prepared by the Economic Advisor's office in 1949. For job was transferred to Central Statistical Office in 1950. Then the job was transferred to Federal Bureau of Statistics and now Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. Since then the PBS is preparing different series at current & constant price. The base of series are 1959-60, 1980-81, 1999-2000 & 2005-06. For the improvements of national accounts statistics several groups and committees were constituted. As a result the national accounts have undergone modifications and improvements with respect to timeliness, data availability, coverage and statistical techniques involved in the compilation.

Rebasing of National Accounts

The national accounts aggregates provide important indicators for measuring the economic growth, policy formation, planning, and facilitate international comparison. The 1999-2000 was totally based on studies and need was felt to change the base by incorporating the data based on surveys to fill data gaps & capture new emerging fields because the survey information is more reliable and objective. A number of new surveys & studies were conducted to change the base of national accounts from 1999-2000 to 2005-06.

The governing council reviewed and finally approved the estimates on 29th April, 2013. Dr. Shahid Amjad, Advisor to Ministry of Finance appreciated the hard work of the national accounts staff and described the rebasing exercise a big mile stone.

The main highlights of rebasing are given as under:

Change of base 1999-2000 to 2005-06 effect (Rs. Billion)

Sr. No	Sector	Base 2005 - 06	Base 1999 - 2000	Change %	Difference
		Prices and Year 2005 - 06			
1	Agriculture	1775	1457	21.8	318
2	Industrial	1616	1924	- 16.0	- 308
3	Services	4324	3778	14.5	547
	GDP (Total of GVA)	7716	7159	7.8	557

POPULATION CENSUS

A census is a stocktaking of human resource of a country and in modern times has ceased to be a mere head count. Besides identifying people in places and ascertaining their personel characteristics pertaining to age, sex, marital status, education and economic characteristics, are also recorded including migration. With such a large scope of enquiries the census data has diverse application and uses.

Initial census planning and preparation entailing questionnaire designing, census mapping, delimitation, updating of area lists, establishment of Census Advisory Committee, expansion and setting up of fields offices, appointment of Census District Officers are already completed for holding a free, fair and transparent census to produce reliable data on population and housing characteristics.

A Table Showing Area & Population of Administrative Units by Rural / Urban : 1951-1998 Censuses Is Given Below:

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT	AREA (Sq. Km)	POPULATION				
		1951	1961	1972	1981	1998
PAKISTAN	796096	33740167	42880378	65309340	84253644	132352279
Rural		27754670	33225806	48715689	60412173	89315875
Urban		5985497	9654572	16593651	23841471	43036404
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA	74521	4556545	5730991	8388551	11061328	17743645
Rural		4051800	4972475	7192896	9395675	14749561
Urban		504745	758516	1195655	1665653	2994084
FATA	27220	1332005	1847195	2491230	2198547	3176331
Rural		1332005	1822547	2477930	2198547	3090858
Urban		-	24648	13300	-	85473
PUNJAB	205345	20540762	25463974	37607423	47292441	73621290
Rural		16972686	19988052	28424728	34240795	50602265
Urban		3568076	5475922	9182695	13051646	23019025
SINDH	140914	6047748	8367065	14155909	19028666	30439893
Rural		4279621	5200047	8430133	10785630	15600031
Urban		1768127	3167018	5725776	8243036	14839862
BALOCHISTAN	347190	1167167	1353484	2428678	4332376	6565885
Rural		1022618	1125016	2029094	3655604	4997105
Urban		144549	228468	399584	676772	1568780
ISLAMABAD	906	95940	117669	237549	340286	805235
Rural		95940	117669	160908	135922	276055
Urban		-	-	76641	204364	529180

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

Planning and preparatory work for Agricultural Machinery Census 2014 is in progress at Agricultural Census Wing, Lahore. Agricultural Census 2010 has been completed. Progress of different activities of this Wing for the month of February 2013 and March 2013 (Two Months) is as under:

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY CENSUS 2014:

Approval from Governing Council:

In pursuance of the directive of Chief Statistician given in the meeting of senior officers of PBS held on 31-01-2013 at PBS Headquarter, Islamabad the Agricultural Census Wing submitted a note to the Chief Statistician to take up for seeking in principle approval of this census from Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics being the supreme body. A number of issues have also been discussed with the Executive Committee of PBS at Islamabad in a meeting on 25-03-2013 wherein it was decided to call a meeting of the Users Council.

Meeting of National Users Council:

Meeting of National Users Council is expected in a couple of weeks. The proposal of Agricultural Machinery Census 2014 will be presented in the meeting to get the formal approval on different procedural and technical issues of Agricultural Machinery Census 2014.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2010:

Printing of Reports:

The All Pakistan Report (country report) and four provincial reports, one for each province, had been finalized. All Pakistan Report has been got printed and copies received from Karachi, whereas the remaining four reports are under printing with Publication and Printing Section, Karachi. Separate reports each for Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir are also with Publication and Printing Section, Karachi for printing.

Data Dissemination:

The All Pakistan Report has been released on website www.pbs.org.pk Data users may benefit from the latest data. Agricultural Census Wing is distributing printed copies as per mailing list approved by the Competent Authority and also on demand by students, researchers, academia, planners and executives.

Trainings:

A. Training programme on "Civil Defence Welfare Officer's Course (2 weeks)" is attended by Mr. Tariq Bashir, Sr. Statistician w.e.f. 18.02.2013 to 01.03.2013 at Civil Defence Academy, Lahore.

B. Thirty Statistical Assistants and thirty-two Census Training Assistants have received the "Third group training on production and development of official statistics in support for national development including the achievement of MDGs" with effect from 20-03-2013 to 21-03-2013 conducted by the Agricultural Census Wing. The speaker of the training was Mr. Dildar Hussain, Assistant Agricultural Census Commissioner who returned after receiving the same training from SIAP, Japan.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics alongwith the participants of National Conference on Geo Spatial Data Standardization held at Islamabad

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MEETING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The fourth meeting of the Governing Council of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was held under chairmanship of Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhary, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance to prepare and release estimates of National Accounts for the year 2012-13 on new base year as it has been changed to 2005-06 from earlier year of 1999-2000. The members of Governing Council including Chief Statistician, Secretary Statistics Division and senior officers of PBS discussed the budget proposals for 2013-14 and approved the same for recommendation to the Finance Division. The chair also approved the initial estimates for holding of Population Census and directed to the same to be sent to Finance Division for provisioning in the next budget.

In the context of alternative presentations of national accounts it was decided to setup a sub-committee under Dr Asad Zaman with Prof. Muhammad Nizam-ud-Din, Dr Zeba A. Sattar and Dr GM Arif as members to study this matter. Another sub-committee on the state of preparation for population census was setup under Dr Mehtab S. Karim with Dr Zeba A. Sattar, Dr.Asad Zaman and Prof. Nizam-ud-Din as members. Both these committees would make their presentation in the next meeting of the Governing Council of PBS.

The need for rebasing was discussed in light of the improvements in the international statistical systems. Pakistan having adopted SNA 2008 needs to incorporate that system. Additionally prices have been rebased 2007-2008. Data resources for rebasing were also presented to the house.

The Governing Council was informed about the adoption of the latest concepts i.e., double deflation, Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured (FISIM) and basic prices in national accounts of Pakistan. The availability of new data sources through census, surveys and studies, updated prices and industry bases were also highlighted. National accounts have been rebased on the surveys undertaken during the period.

The smaller components were captured through studies. It was submitted before the council that with the adoption of the latest system, and as a result of latest economic classifications (ISIC, CPC, COICOP, COFOG, etc.), some shifting has taken place among the sectors and sub sectors. Double counting, omissions and errors have been rectified. With the introduction of FISIM in the Banking and insurance sector, the contribution of the sector has been measured based on the services provided. In the compilation of national accounts detailed results of housing and population, agriculture and livestock censuses have been utilised.

Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhary Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance alongwith Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician PBS and Mr. Javaid Aslam, Secretary, Statistics Division in the 4th meeting of Governing Council of PBS held at Islamabad