

# Planning Commission Newsletter

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## Macroeconomic Section

94<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Account Committee was held in Statistics Division on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 chaired by the Secretary, Statistics Division/Chief Statistician to review and examine the estimates of GDP for the year 2011-12 (final) and 2012-13 (revised) and the estimates of GDP for the year 2013-14 (provisional) at constant cost of 2005-06. The estimates of Gross fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) for the year 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14 at current market prices were also discussed. Chief, Macroeconomic Section attended the meeting as a representative of M/o Planning, De-

velopment and Reform. Macroeconomic Section prepared "Macroeconomic Framework" for 2014-15 and presented it in the Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 chaired by Minister for Planning, Development and Reform. Chief (Macro) gave presentation on Economic Situation and Prospects for 2014-15.

The Section prepared working papers for APCC and National Economic Council (NEC) meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 respectively. The summary on review of Economic Situation and

Targets for year 2014-15 was approved by the NEC.

This section was involved in coordination and consultation process on Pakistan Vision 2025 and 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2013-18. The section prepared summary for the NEC on Pakistan Vision 2025; a presentation for National Economic Council (NEC) as well as a summary of 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan was also submitted to NEC which was chaired by the Prime Minister. In addition, Macroeconomic Section prepared a chapter for Annual Plan 2014-15, executive summary of the same and PSDP 2014-15 for NEC.

## International Trade & Finance (IT&F) Section

This section performed the following major activities during the month of May, 2014:

- Updated data for the analysis of External Sector Performance of the economy. According to provisional data released by PBS during July-April, 2014 exports increased by 4.24% over the same period last year and stood at \$ 20997.46 million. Imports stood

at \$ 37104.6 million during July-April, 2014 showing increase of 1.20% over the same period of last year. The exchange rate during April, 2014 remained at Rs. 97.49/\$ against Rs.98.31/\$ during April, 2013

- Provided material for one year performance report of the Federal Government.
- Provided material for Pakistan Day Supplement.

- Provided material for working paper of APCC.
- Analysis of Resolution approved by Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA)
- Updated Chapter on Balance of Payments of Annual Plan 2014-15.
- Devised table on Imports on the Pattern of Export Projections.
- Updated export projections table for the month of April, 2014.

## Plan Coordination Section

Following are the major activities with respect to Plan Coordination Section during April, 2014:

- Regarding Annual Plan 2014-15, frequent meetings were conducted with the Committee Members for review and finalization of the document.
- Finalized work on One Year Performance Report of Planning Commission and the same was forwarded to Press Information Department (PID).



- The meeting of Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) was arranged by Plan Coordination Section on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, in the Auditorium of P-Block.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister for Planning, Development & Reform and attended by Federal Secretaries, Provincial representatives and Heads of different PSEs like NHA, PAEC, SUPARCO, NRA, HEC, NHA and WAPDA.

- Material for Finance Minister's Budget Speech



2014-15 was collected from relevant sections, consolidated and forwarded to M/o Finance after approval of the Secretary.

- Regarding ECC (Economic Coordination Committee) meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, summaries for the meetings were circulated, briefs collected for discussion in the meetings.
- Briefs on agenda items and summaries on Vision 2025 and Framework for 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan were collected and forwarded for CCI meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
- Deputy Chief attended the meeting of Restructuring Committee as a member, gave her valuable input and prepared minutes of the meeting.

- A meeting with Norwegian Delegation and Survey of Pakistan was held on 20-05-2014 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Planning, Development & Reform. The chair explained about the objectives of Framework of Institutional Cooperation programme (FICP). Project Director from Survey of Pakistan added that they could help to enhance the capacity and to give a mechanism to read the maps.

This Section drafted agenda of the NEC meeting which was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and also forwarded material for meeting from M/o PD&R to the Prime Minister Office. Summaries on each agenda item for this meeting were also forwarded to the Cabinet Division after obtaining approval of the Secretary. Agenda items are given below:

1. Review of Annual Plan 2013-14 and Proposed Annual Plan 2014-15
2. Review of Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) 2013-14 and Proposed PSDP 2014-15
3. Progress Report of ECNEC / CDWP from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014
4. Enhancement of Sanctioning Power of CDWP Projects
5. Approval of Vision 2025
6. Framework for 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2013-18

## Public Investment Authorization (PIA) Section

- During the reporting period, a meeting of the CDWP was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Minister for Planning, Development and Reform / Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The forum considered Twenty Two (22) projects and two (02) position papers. Out of these, five (05) schemes were approved with estimated cost of Rs. 1428 million and eleven (11) schemes with estimated cost of Rs. 215 billion were recommended to the ECNEC for consideration/ approval being within the competency of the ECNEC. Eight (08) schemes were deferred by the CDWP. The priority areas remained Energy and Water Resources Sector's projects with total cost of Rs. 191 billion followed by higher education, Nutrition and PP&H Sectors.
- The powers of CDWP were enhanced by the NEC in its meeting held on 29-05-2014 from Rs. 1 billion to Rs. 3 billion.

## Public Investment Programming Section

During the month of May, 2014, following activities took place in PIP Section:

- This section prepared the draft PSDP 2014-15 along with recommended project-wise allocations for consideration of Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) which met on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
- Working papers were prepared along with recommendations of APCC on PSDP 2014-15 for consideration / approval of the National Economic Council (NEC) which met on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
- The NEC approved PSDP 2014-15 which was published and distributed among the stakeholders including National Assembly for approval with Finance Bill 2014-15.

## Money, Prices & Fiscal Policy Section

Following are the major activities of MP&FP section during the month of April, 2014:

- Prepared an update on Inflation highlighting increase and decrease in the prices of major food and Non- food items.
- Prepared an update on stock market reflecting analysis.
- Prepared Monthly Review on Monetary Developments Report and Growth for the period July-April 2013-14.
- Carried out a review of Consolidated Fiscal Development during July-March 2014 based on information released by Finance Division and prepared report on 'Consolidated Federal and Provincial Budgetary Operation for July-March 2014.

## Poverty Alleviation & MDGs Section

Major activities of the section during May, 2014 are given as under:

### a) Pakistan MDGs and Community Development Programme

On Prime Ministers' directive, this Section prepared concept paper on Pakistan MDGs and Community Development Programme.

The programme is being launched all over the country by involving communities at the grass root level with the allocation of Rs. 12.5 billion for accelerating the pace of MDGs and poverty reduction.

### b) Chapter on Poverty Reduction and Millennium Development Goals

Poverty Section prepared chapter for Annual Plan 2014-15 on Poverty Reduction and Millennium Development Goals.

## Governance

During the month of May, 2014 following activities were carried out:

- Position Paper on the project titled "Raising of Balochistan Constabulary (Revised) and Working Paper on the project titled "Project for Improvement of Auditing and Reporting (PIFRA-II-2<sup>nd</sup> Revised)" were presented in CDWP meeting. The minutes of the CDWP meeting were prepared.
- Summary for the ECNEC in respect of the project titled "Raising of Balochistan Constabulary (Revised)" was prepared and forwarded to PIA Section.
- Working Paper on project titled "Pakistan Social and Living Standard Measurement (PSLM) Survey (2<sup>nd</sup> Revised)" was prepared for consideration of Pre-CDWP meeting.
- Chapter on Good Governance has been finalized for Annual Plan 2014-15 and forwarded to Macroeconomic Section. Chapters for Annual Plan 2014-15 of Science and Technology, Employment and Industries & Commerce Sections were examined.
- A summary for Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on review of functions of Ministries/Divisions was prepared.
- Material in respect of this Section's activities for One Year Performance Report of Planning Commission 2013-14 was prepared and forwarded to Plan Coordination Section.
- Information on Review of allocated business and distribution of work under rule 5(9) (1), detail of Subsisting status and legal instruments including existing laws under Article 268 (1&7) of the Constitution, 1973; realignment of ongoing work/programs including the PSDP with the Government policy and measures for timely implementation of programs/ plans was prepared and forwarded to Administration Wing.
- Information on projects of the line Ministries/ Divisions on PSDP 2014-15 were obtained and forwarded to PIP Section.
- Aid Memoir on PAK: Enhancing PPPs in Pakistan (Provincial Support) Project Reconnaissance Mission, 01-12 May, 2014 was examined and forwarded to Foreign Aid/E.R Section.
- Concept Note on "Establishment of Social Protection Authority" by the Government of the Punjab with support of World Bank-Non Lending Technical Assistance (NLTA) was examined; comments/ views were obtained and forwarded to Economic Affairs Division.
- Data entry of two thousand applications received against various advertised positions under project titled "Reforms and Innovation in Government for High Performance" was completed.
- Information on interns placed during current Financial Year under National Internship Programme, Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standard in Higher Education was prepared.
- Case for sanction of stipend amount for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter releases in respect of interns placed in ministry was processed with Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standard in Higher Education, National Internship Programme Office. Case for payment of monthly stipend to Young Development Fellows and interns were processed with AGPR for payment.

## Science & Technology Section

The major activities of Science & Technology Section for the month of May, 2014 are mentioned below:

1. A pre-CDWP meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 under the chairmanship of Member (S&T), Planning Commission. Minutes of the meeting were prepared and issued. Minutes of the pre-CDWP were prepared and issued. The following projects were discussed:

- Strengthening of University of Poonch Rawalakot, AJ&K.
- Strengthening of Research Programs of H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry.
- Strengthening of Faculty of Oral Health Sciences and Support Facilities at Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi.
- Essential Needs for Strengthening and Development of Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, ZA Bhutto Campus, Khairpur Mir's.
- Strengthening of Khyber Medical University Peshawar.
- Strengthening of Existing Departments at Islamia University of Bahawalpur.
- PSDP (2014-15) for the projects of HEC, Ministry of Science & Technology and Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission was finalized.

## Nutrition Section

During the month of May, 2014 following activities were carried out:

- Balochistan Nutrition Program for mothers and Children was presented for approval in CDWP meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 in 'P' Block Auditorium, which was approved for onward submission to ECNEC at the rationalized cost of Rs.1492.620 Million.
- A one Day Workshop on "National SUN Self-Assessment" was organized at Marriot Hotel, Islamabad on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. Stake holders, including provincial and federal focal persons as well as international representatives of UN agencies, donors, civil society, business community and academia were invited. A brief refresher was carried out on measuring progress in SUN (M&E) and plenary discussion of network scores was conducted. The proceedings of the workshop were concluded by assigning scores to different working groups on prescribed proforma of SUN and submitted to SUN Secretariat in Geneva.
- A seminar/Lecture was attended by Muhammad Atif, Research Officer (Nutrition Section) in 'P' Block Auditorium on "Governance, Capacity building and National Development" delivered by a 6-member delegation of Communist Party of China (CPC) on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
- A regular activity of estimation of the cost of Food Basket based on a minimum of 2150 calories at national and provincial level has been done by the section. Findings showed that the cost of food basket during May, 2014 decreased by 2 % at National level, 3 % in Punjab, 1 % in Sindh and 1 % in Federal territory respectively. How-

ever, cost of food basket showed marginal increase of 1 % in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 2 % in Balochistan as compared to April, 2014.

## Industries and Commerce Section

I&C Section performed the following major activities during the month of May, 2014:

- Processed the project "Sialkot Business & Commerce Centre, Sialkot (Rs. 495.67 million)" in CDWP and CDWP approved the project in its meeting held on 02-05-2014.
- Finalized PSDP of three (03) line Ministries, i.e. M/o Industries & Production, M/o Commerce & Textile Industry and M/o Petroleum & Natural Resources.
- Prepared Annual Plan 2014-15 regarding Manufacturing, Commerce and Mineral Sectors.
- Prepared Working Paper for CDWP meeting of the project "Red Chillies Processing Centre at Kunri, Sindh (Rs. 244.700 million)".
- Prepared two Briefs for the Minister / Secretary regarding Summaries for the ECC of the Cabinet meeting.
- Examined and analyzed the proposals of Board of Investment (BoI) related with Investment Policy.

## Water Resources Section

Following major activities were carried out during the month of May, 2014:

- Out of total allocated budget (Rs. 57.8 billion) for Water Sector, more than Rs. 32.55 billion has been released and utilized.
- Material for Economic Survey of Pakistan 2013-14 was prepared and submitted to Finance Division.
- Initial Draft for Annual Plan 2014-15 prepared and submitted to Plan Coordination Section.
- Material for Finance Minister's Budget Speech was prepared.
- Water Sector's chapter on 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan was updated and finalized.
- 4 Working papers for CDWP meeting and three ECNEC summaries were prepared.
- Briefs of more than 70 water sector projects were prepared and updated for Prime Minister's presentation.
- Latest status for 3-4 Prime Minister/President Directives was submitted to P.M Secretariat.
- Releases and updation of physical and financial progress of all (about 80 projects) water sector's projects were made.

## Education Section

Material for the month of May, 2014 relevant to Education Section is as under:

1. Comments were offered on the Projects:

- Capacity building of Teacher Training Institutions and Training of Elementary School Teachers in Balochistan (Original cost: Rs. 588.407 m, revised cost: Rs. 800.407 million)
- Punjab Inclusive Education Project (Rs. 1234.400 million)

- Construction of Government Girls Degree College Manghot, Tehsil Gujar Khan District Rawalpindi (Rs. 233.844 million)

2. Material was prepared for the following:

- One year performance report of the present Government
- Preparatory meeting for Pak-German bilateral consultations - 2014
- Visit of the President of Maldives to Pakistan

3. Processing of PC-1s of

NCHD and Establishment of Federal Government College of Home Economics & Management Sciences, F-11/1, Islamabad was remained in progress and submitted to issue authorization.

4. Chapter on School and College Education for Annual Plan 2014-15 was finalized.

## Employment, Research & Foreign Aid Section

The input/material for the month of May 2014 in respect of Employment and Research Section is given below:

- After several sessions of review by high-ups, the chapter for Annual Plan 2014-15 on "Employment and Skill Development" was finalized.
- Briefs/supporting materials for the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) to be held in Bangkok on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014 reflecting the point of Ministry of PD&R were provided to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Economic Affairs Division.
- Views/comments pertaining to Ministry of PD&R on the ESCAP's Strategic Framework for the Biennium 2016-17 have been forwarded to Economic Affairs Division after consultation with all concerned Sections in the Ministry.

## Economic Appraisal Section

During the month of May, 2014 following activities were carried out:

- Prepared Part-C of the working paper regarding Economic and Financial analysis/appraisal for fourteen (14) projects in the areas of Food & Agriculture, Governance, Transport & Communication, Information & Technology, Higher Education Commission, Health, Industries & Commerce and PP&H for consideration of the CDWP.
- Economic Appraisal Section participated in various pre & post CDWP meetings as a member and presented required view points.

## National Fertilizer Development Centre (NFDC)

Following are the major developments/news during May, 2014:

- 1) Different estimations were carried out with the following finding:
  - Urea offtake was 258 thousand tonnes against 314 thousand tonnes during April 2013, which depicted a decrease of 18.0%. DAP offtake was 38 thousand tonnes against 52 thousand tonnes during April 2013, which exhibited a decrease of 27.0 per cent over April 2013.
  - Total fertilizer nutrient offtake during April 2014 was about 167 thousand tonnes, which represented a decrease of 13.8 per cent over April 2013. Nitrogen and phosphate offtake decreased by 15.2 and 11.5 % respectively, while potash offtake during April 2014 increased by 178.6%.
- 2) Annual Fertilizer Review Report for financial year 2012-13 has been published and issued among all the stakeholders. The review presents extensive details of fertilizer supply/demand situation, domestic production, import and offtake at national, provincial and district level along with domestic and international price trend etc.

## Pakistan Planning and Management Institute

During the month of May 2014, two (02) training courses were conducted by PPMI. Seventy Eight (78) Officers from Federal/Provincial Governments and Public Sector Organizations participated in training course. Brief of the training courses are as under:-

### 1) Project Identification, Appraisal and Approval, Implementation Methodologies / MS Project / Development of KPIs (5-16 May, 2014):

This training course was designed to improve the performance of participants by giving a better understanding of the whole project process. To define and give understanding of the basic concepts of project planning and management, equipping participants with project identification skills and how to prepare and design projects,

explaining the use of project appraisal techniques in project preparation and approval, train participants in implementation and managing projects and how to prepare cash/work plan, to introduce concepts of project implementation using Microsoft Project, different techniques of WBS, Gantt Chart, CPM,/PERT and to develop KPIs. Fifty Four (54) officers participated in this training course. Mr. Sajjad Haider Yaldram, Deputy Secretary (Head CDM Cell), Climate Change Division congratulated the participants for successful completion of training course in the concluding session and awarded certificates to the participants.

### 2) Managing Public Private Partnership Projects (27-30 May, 2014)

This training course was designed to introduce the concepts of Project Manage-

ment life cycle, Public Private Partnership (PPP) concepts, policies, and strategies and to familiarize the participants with various approaches, methods, and techniques in the development of PPP Projects. It was also aimed to provide skills in developing monitoring and evaluation tools in Public Private Partnership Projects, to demonstrate competence in selecting the best technique for risk assessment and management of P<sub>3</sub> project. Twenty Four (24) officers participated in this training course. Mr. Muhammad Anwar Hussain Ch, Director General, PPMI congratulated the participants for successful completion of training course in the concluding session and awarded certificates to the participants.

## Projects Wing

- **Meetings:** Director General (Social Sector) Projects Wing has attended a meeting convened by Higher Education Commission (HEC) to review the progress of development projects being executed by University of Punjab and UET Texila.
- **Monitoring:** Social Sector of the Projects Wing has monitored 06 development projects during the months of May, 2014.

- **Management Information System (MIS):** MIS Section was assigned the task by Secretary PD&R for preparation of three reports for Prime Minister's office on the PSDP projects monthly progress updates, one pager proformas for ongoing and completed PSDP projects and projects completion cost and associated cost overrun projections. In this connection, a monthly progress updated report was

compiled and forwarded to Prime Minister's office for the month of March, 2014. MIS Section has played the major role in compilation of a report desired by Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

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