

# Planning Commission Newsletter

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## Macroeconomic

During the month of June, 2013 Macroeconomic Section prepared the Chapter "Growth, Investment & Savings" for Annual Plan 2013-14 and also prepared the Executive Summary of the Annual Plan. The Section also prepared summary for the National Economic Council (NEC) covering Review of Annual Plan 2012-13 and Proposed Annual Plan 2013-14. Secretary, Ministry of

Planning & Development gave a presentation to the NEC on Annual Plan and PSDP with input from Macroeconomic and PIP sections.

Minister for Planning & Development directed all the sections to prepare outlines for the next five year plan in the light of manifesto of PML(N) and also directed to start seminar series and develop implementation matrix. Macroeconomic sec-

tion coordinated all these activities and developed the Implementation Matrix for the manifesto of PML (N). Moreover, a list of 42 seminar topics and key presenters was also finalized with the input from relevant Sections. An outline of sectoral strategies for the approach paper of Five Year Plan was also compiled.

## International Trade & Finance

The Section performed the following major activities during the month of June, 2013:-

- Updated information regarding External Sector of the economy. According to data released by PBS, exports increased by 3.88% and stood at US\$22,321 million during July – May, 2013. In the same period imports increased by 0.19% and stood at US\$41,011 million. The average exchange rate in the

month of May, 2013 remained at Rs.98.37/US\$ against Rs.91.26/US\$ in May, 2012, showing a depreciation of 7.3 percent.

- Prepared a brief on Pak-China Relationship.
- A Presentation on Pakistan-China Economic Corridor was made for Minister for Planning & Development.
- Prepared Talking Points for the Minister of Planning & Development on Pakistan-China Economic Corridor.

- Worked on Karachi-Multan Motorway Project (M-5, M-6, & M-7) and report thereon sent to Prime Minister Office.
- Attended an Inter Ministerial Meeting to discuss problem of Pakistanis in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Gulf Countries in Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- A Summary attempted on Prime Minister's visit to China on 4-8 July, 2013

## Money, Prices and Fiscal Policy

During June 2013, Money, Prices and Fiscal Policy Section mainly performed following activities:-

- Prepared Monthly Up-

date on Inflation for the period July-May 2012-13

- Prepared Monthly Update on Stock Market Development for the

month of May, 2013

- Prepared Monetary Developments during 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013

## Money, Prices and Fiscal Policy

- Finalized Chapter on 'Fiscal and Monetary Developments' for inclusion in Annual Plan 2013-14
- Tracked trends in Prices, Monetary Aggregates, Fiscal Policy and Stock Market,
- Compiled Regional Prices Information.
- Prepared briefs for:
  - Minister for Planning and Development on 'Tariff Rationalization'.
  - Minister for Planning and Development Division on ECC of Cabinet Summary entitled 'Relief Package for the Holy Month of Ramazan, 2013'.
  - Secretary Planning and Development on 'Fiscal Structure' for presentation to IMF delegation
- Arranged a meeting on 'Tariff Rationalization' under the Chairmanship of Honourable Minister for Planning and Development on June 13, 2013 and minutes of the meeting have been circulated among the relevant agencies for compliance/necessary action.
- Prepared Implementation Matrix on the issues mentioned in government manifesto relating to fiscal, monetary & financial sector developments and inflation,
- Prepared material on Fiscal, Monetary, Inflation and Capital Markets based on government priorities elaborated in the Manifesto for preparation of Approach Paper of Five Year Development Plan.
- Chief (MP&FP) attended Budget Session at Senate and National Assembly on 19-06-2013 and 22-06-2013 respectively and prepared synopsis of the proceedings for Secretary Planning.
- Chief (MP&FP) represented Ministry of Planning and Development Division in the presentation made by IMF Delegation on 'Fiscal Structure' dated June 24, 2013 and prepared main points of the presentation and discussion.
- Prepared proposals for re-organization of Planning Commission.
- Carried out SWOT Analysis of re-organized Planning Commission.
- Chief (MP&FP) assisted and provided input in preparation of consolidated SWOT Analysis of the Planning Commission.

## Poverty

The Minister for Planning & Development, while meeting with the Asian Development Bank Mission led by the Country Director, highlighted priorities of the Government for a comprehensive social protection system having universal coverage and transparent targeting and monitoring systems. The meeting was held in ministry of Planning and Development on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Secretary Planning & Development was also present in the meeting. The mission has evinced inter-

est in providing additional financing of \$200-400 million for enhancing coverage of the ISP from existing 4 million families to 7 million families under a project titled "Social Protection Development Project".

The Minister appreciated ADB's technical support in the past, particularly the technical assistance extended while formulating "Pakistan 2010 Program". He assured the Mission of the highest level commitment of the government for continuing the Income Support Pro-

gram. Furthermore, the Minister invited input from the ADB on following initiatives that include:

- Implementing e-government
- Re-defining role of Planning Commission in Post-18<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- Reorganizing Planning Commission
- Developing Key Performance Indicators for Planning Commission as well as for all other Federal Ministries.

## Plan Coordination

The following activities were carried out during the month:

- NEC meeting was scheduled to be held on 10-06-2013 in Cabinet Division. In this connection, Plan Coordination Section forwarded summaries of NEC on the following agenda items to Cabinet Division well in time:

- Review of Annual Plan 2012-13 and proposed Annual Plan 2013-14
- Review of PSDP 2012-13 and Proposed PSDP 2013-14
- Progress report of the schemes approved by CDWP and ECNEC
- In the light of observations/recommendations, of NEC Plan Coordination

tion Section prepared/published Annual Plan 2013-14 and circulated it to the Federal Ministries/Divisions, Provinces etc.

- Consolidation and preparation of Newsletter May, 2013
- Collected and consolidated material regarding Sectoral Policies/Strategies.

## Food and Agriculture

Following major activities were carried out during the month;

- Prepared outlines of Chapter "Agriculture and Livestock" to be included in next Five-Year plan.
- Prepared comments as per format regarding Re-organization of Planning Commission-Directives of the Minister for Planning and Development.
- For sorting out liabilities and other issues regarding "White Revolution

tion – Doodh Darya Project / Pakistan Dairy Development Company", series of meetings were arranged i.e on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 under chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Planning and Development Division, there after on 8-9 June and from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2013 at Lahore among Sub-Committee and PDDC.

- Different Statistics Regarding Food Security in Pakistan were con-

veyed to quarter concerned as required by Economic Affairs Division.

- Collected information and prepared Directory of Fertilizer Industry working in Pakistan.
- Collected information and prepared contacts and addresses list of NGOs working in Agriculture Sector of Pakistan.
- Comments / suggestions on PML-N Manifesto, Agriculture and Food Security.

## Water Section

As per Minister for Planning and Development's instructions that all section chiefs must develop themselves as knowledge leaders in their respective fields and each chief must produce a research paper or hold international seminars in six months. Taking the lead Water Resource Section has organized two events; a three-day training workshop and an international conference. The training workshop on "Regulation of Hydraulic Structures for

Flood Management" was held on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at NARC, Islamabad. The international conference on "Water for life and Development" with the collaboration of Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP), ICIMOD, JICA Japan and UNESCO was held at the Auditorium of P-Block, Pak Secretariat on June 28-29, 2013. The conference and the workshop was participated by the Water Sector experts from all over the country

besides six international development partners.

The inaugural session of the conference was graced by the Minister for Planning and Development, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal and Secretary Planning and Development Division, Mr. Hassan Nawaz Tarar on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**"Minister for Planning and Development set the direction of Planning Commission as a knowledge Organization"**

## Water Section



Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Ahsan Ishaq addressing International Conference on water for life and development in Islamabad on June 26, 2013

The session was attended by international

diplomats, ambassadors, emissaries, international donor agencies, and more than 200 persons comprising of national and international water experts. The concluding session of the workshop as well as conference was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June

wherein, Chief (Water) Mr. Naseer Ahmad Gilani submitted the final recommendations of the conference and thanked International development partners for their active participation and precious time.

## National Fertilizer Development Centre (NFDC)

- Total fertilizer nutrient offtake during May, 2013 was about 310 thousand tonnes compared to 221 thousand tonnes of May, 2012, showing an increase of 40.5 per cent. Among nutrients, offtake of all major nutrients including nitrogen and phosphate increased by 33.2 and 112.9 per cent respectively while potash offtake decreased by 28.8 per cent
- Urea offtake during May, 2013 was 485 thousand tonnes, which increased by 2.5 per cent over May, 2012 (473 thousand tonnes). DAP offtake was 80 thousand tonnes, which registered an increase of 167.3 per cent as compared to May, 2012 (30 thousand tonnes).
- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources has shut down the supply of gas to the fertilizer plants located on SNGPL network except M/s Agritech. SSGCL will also provide only 50 -55 MMCFD gas to fertilizer plant i.e. Fauji Fertilizer Bin Qasim during June - September, 2013. It is apprehended that per month urea production will decrease from 609 thousand tonnes to a level of 341 thousand tonnes (44 per cent decrease per month from production capacity at 100 per cent gas availability). Due to closure of urea plants at SNGPL network during the June to September, 2013, the shortage of urea will start from July, 2013 and will continue with tight situation for the remaining period of Kharif, 2013.

## Pakistan Planning & Management Institute (PPMI)

Pakistan Planning and Management Institute (PPMI) organized a training course on "Project Risk Analysis and Management" from 10-12 June, 2013. This training was designed around the

core areas of project life cycle, components and types of risk, qualitative and quantitative risk analysis, case studies of project risk analysis and management and risk response planning. Thirty

Eight (38) Officers working in Federal, Provincial Ministries and Public Sector Organizations attended the course.

## Health

Upon request of Planning Commission, WHO arranged a 3 days workshop on "Comprehensive Assessment of Civil Registration & Vital Statistics" at Bhurban, Murree Hills. Based upon findings of the Comprehensive assess-

ment, a national plan for improvement/enhancement of Health Information System & CRVS in Pakistan will be formulated in consultation with all the stakeholders including the provincial governments. The workshop was lead by

planning Commission. About 35 participants from the provincial governments and international development partners attended. The workshop was facilitated by national and international experts in the field.

## Governance

Following activities were performed during the month:

- Concept Note and PC-I of the project titled “Young Development Fellows Programme” were prepared.
- A meeting of DDWP to discuss the Project titled “Establishment of Projects Management Unit in the Ministry of Law and Justice” was attended.
- A summary for constitution of an Advisory Committee in each Ministries/ Division for seeking approval of the Prime Minister was prepared.
- A proposal to hold a workshop on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and briefing schedule of all Ministries/ Divisions was initiated.
- Eminent national and international scholars and topic for monthly lectures for a series of seminar were identified.
- Outlines for Five Year Development Plan (2013-18) was prepared and forwarded to Macro Economic Section.
- Comments on the following projects were prepared:
  - Draft Exchange of Notes on technical cooperation offered by Government of Japan for the Project titled “Improvement of Airport Security”;
  - Commonwealth Secretariat New Strategic Plan 2013/14-2016/17;
  - Exchange of Letters for “Framework Programme for Danish Development Cooperation to Pakistan”;

- Pak: Support for Efficient Structuring of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Punjab and Sind Policy and Advisory Technical Assistance-Consultation Mission 18-26 June, 2013-Draft Aide Memoire Minutes were conveyed to Foreign Aid section.
- Development Strategy Formulation-PML (N) Manifesto Implementation Matrix was prepared and forwarded to Macro Economic Section.
- Progress on implementation report on the Directives of Minister for Planning and Development was submitted on daily basis.

## Projects Wing

### Management Information System (MIS):

- In the endeavor to bring all the federal ministries/divisions online in the loop of Project Monitoring & Evaluation System (PMES), a two days training session was conducted for Project Directors of Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education at Islamabad during the month of June, 2013.



- MIS Section has been assigned the task by Secretary P&D to re-develop the PMES software from own resources after expiry of the support/maintenance contract from the vendor. The MIS software development team has been extensively working on this task to develop a much improved PMES with the latest web technologies available and this ‘new PMES’ will be available on-line to the users soon.
- MIS Section has also been assigned the task for preparation of ‘One Page Proforma’ of all ongoing projects included in the Federal PSDP 2013-14, depicting the Project Profile information, allocations, releases, progress etc. In this regard, MIS Section of Projects Wing is coordinating with

all project authorities of the concerned ministries/divisions for collection of relevant data on the prescribed format.

### Monitoring

Projects Wing has monitored 44 development projects during the month of June, 2013.



## Education

Following major activities were carried out during the month;

- Offered Comments to Litigation Section of P&D Division on writ petition Abdul Hanan V/ S Federation of Pakistan for regularization of contract employees of Basic Education Community Schools (BECS), Capacity Building of Technical Teachers & Vocational Training Centres in Malakand Division Peshawar and Ghazi Haripur (JICA Assisted) and Punjab work place literacy project Lahore.
- Issued observations on No objection Certificate regarding regularization of services of the project titled Provision of Quality education in Balochistan and FATA, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination and Establishment of F.G. Degree College for Women I-8/3 Islamabad.
- Submitted one page brief on Development Projects relevant to Education Section to Secretary P&D Division.
- Offered Project proposals for SAARC Development Fund.
- Senior Chief (Education Section) attended meeting of the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education at Lahore.

## Administration

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal assumed charge of the office of the Minister Planning & Development on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Mr. Muhammad Mohsin

Haroon, Research Officer (BS-17), an officer of the Economist Group, was transferred from Planning and Development Division

and posted as Research Officer in the Finance Division on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

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