

Chairman's message

We have set our goals for the tax year 2013 and are geared towards broadening our tax base. Moving forwards we intend to use ICT to improve our services and also to create awareness through facilitation efforts and campaigns for our taxpayers to attain this objective.

Alhamdulillah, we are steadily moving towards achieving our goal and revenue targets and hope to achieve satisfactory results with the help of our dedicated team and with the cooperation of the taxpayers, trade bodies, chambers of commerce, tax bars and all other stakeholders. As head of the institution, I am fully committed to build a confident, trust worthy, dedicated and knowledgeable team to accomplish this uphill task. I am confident that with the workshops and conferences we hold every year for capacity building, we will also be highlighting our issues and will be moving to their solutions. I thank you for your efforts and urge you to remain focused on your foremost and essential task of revenue generation and revenue collection.

ReveNews has made valuable contribution in sharing events / information of FBR amongst the FBR family and all its stakeholders and I wish it success in its endeavors.



Member FATE's message



ReveNews is the only newsletter of FBR which gives updates on all activities of FBR during a quarter. It also prints the contributions made by the officers/officials of FBR. Your activities, whether in FBR HQ or in the field formations, are reflected and shared with your colleagues through ReveNews. This issue of ReveNews is coming after a delay of months. I sincerely feel we need to get timely feedbacks and literary contributions in the interest of all the readers.

I believe, this newsletter can always be further improved with your shared contribution. All such officers/officials who want to contribute their expertise / experience in any field can share it with all readers through ReveNews. We have some very inspirational poets in our ranks of FBR, who can also send their poetry for publication in ReveNews.

With increased automation and more reliance on IT for acquiring information, we are constantly working to improve and update FBR's website <http://www.fbr.gov.pk>. Please visit it and suggest improvements through your email on chieffate@fbr.gov.pk or memberfate@fbr.gov.pk.

We, at FATE Wing of FBR, look forward to your valuable feedback concerns / ideas regarding your own newsletter, ReveNews.

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Finance Minister visits FBR, addresses Chief Commissioners' Conference

Federal Minister for Finance Mohammad Ishaq Dar visited FBR House on 13-03-2014 and addressed the Chief Commissioners Conference.

Addressing the Officers, he said that FBR is one of the most important organ of the government as most of the expenditure of the government depends upon the revenue collected by FBR. He said, for the purpose of performing their duties in a better manner, the Chief Commissioners and other officers have been selected on merit. "You are being isolated from external pressures and we expect you to rise up to the challenges ahead and perform", he said.

The Finance Minister appreciated Chairman FBR and his team on their performance and observed that the revenue collection in the first 08 months of this year was Rs. 1348 billion as compared to Rs. 1145 billion in corresponding period of last year and thus 17.7% higher. He said that this 17.7% growth in revenue up to February, 2014 is a reasonably good performance. The Finance Minister said that Pakistan's Tax-to-GDP ratio currently stood at a meager 8.5% which our Government has decided to improve and we have taken solid steps in this direction. "We have an ambitious program of annual 1% tax to GDP growth", he added.

The Finance Minister said, "In order to ameliorate the problems of Small & Medium entrepreneurs we have decided that their sales tax refunds must be paid immediately". He directed FBR for clearance of Sales Tax refunds up to Rs. 500,000/- within 3 weeks and refunds from Rs. 500,000/- to 1,000,000/- to be cleared by 15.4.2014, subject to verification and due process. He said that it would benefit around 26,000 clients out of the total 36,000 refund cases and the remaining large sum claims will be processed through queue system separately.

The Finance minister instructed the Chief Commissioners for putting in more efforts in order to generate and collect more revenues for Pakistan and thus contribute towards its development and prosperity.



Taxpayers' Privilege and Honour Card Scheme launched



As a part of Prime Minister Tax Incentive Package, Taxpayers' Privilege and Honour Card Scheme was announced. The Scheme has been notified and the details are available on FBR's website.

Under the Scheme, Privilege and Honour Cards are to be issued to the top one hundred taxpayers on 23rd March 2014, in each of the following categories:

- Salaried Individuals
- Non-Salaried Individuals
- Association of Persons
- Companies

Privileges:

The holder of the card shall be entitled to and enjoy the following privileges:

1. The facilities and privileges as are provided at the VIP lounges of airports managed by Civil Aviation Authority excluding lounges managed and maintained by Airlines for their passengers;
2. Fast track clearance at immigration counters;
3. Issuance of gratis passport;
4. Increase in baggage allowance from five hundred dollars to five thousand dollars;
5. Invitation for Annual dinner and Excellence Awards by the Prime Minister; and
6. Invitation for ceremonies on 23rd March and 14th August.



Entitlement Criteria:

A taxpayer is entitled for the card, only if

1. The taxpayer falls within top one hundred taxpayers in any category;
2. Tax on the basis of the Return or statement of final taxation has been fully paid; and
3. No arrear or current demand is outstanding against the individual, the AOP, or the company, as the case may be, unless the said demand is disputed in any court or stayed by any court.

FBR establishes helpdesk at Parliament House

During a session of the National Assembly, some parliamentarians suggested that they should be provided with a facility at Parliament House to check their details of any pending payments, filing of tax returns and assistance about related matters, in view of their busy schedules and assembly business.

Working on the suggestion, FBR established a sub-office in the Parliament building where a 24/7 helpdesk was established to facilitate parliamentarians to check their tax history and any pending tax payment or submit their tax returns using their CNICs. Arrangements were also made at the helpdesk to enable



members of the Parliament to swiftly obtain new NTN's, if required.

This was the second helpdesk at parliament house. The first one was established by FBR's FATE Wing at the National Assembly in June 2012 for the duration of the budget process.



Establishment of Tax Facilitation Desk at National Press Club

In a bid to facilitate the journalists' community in their Registration, obtaining NTN's and e-filing their Income Tax Returns, the Chairman, FBR Mr. Tariq Bajwa had decided to establish a help Desk Kiosk at the National Press Club, Islamabad.

On 24th October 2013, Ms. Riffat Shaheen Qazi, Member (FATE) and Official Spokesperson of FBR, inaugurated the said Tax Facilitation Help Desk Kiosk on behalf of the Chairman, FBR. A heavy participation from the journalists' community was seen at the occasion. She briefed the media about the facility and urged them to avail



maximum benefit from it for registration and filing of tax returns, as this facility would help save time in their busy schedules.

Officials of the National Press Club applauded FBR's effort in providing the said facility at their doorstep.



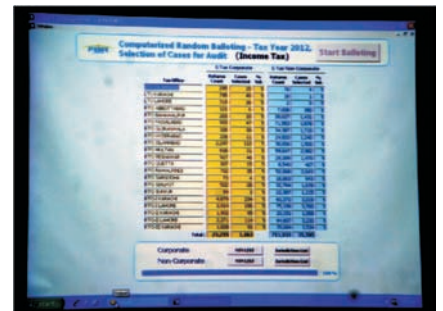
Random Ballot for selection of cases for Audit

Every year FBR selects a certain percentage of taxpayers' returns for audit purposes. To select cases for audit for tax year 2012, FBR had earlier used a random selection based on certain parameters. Although this selection was totally random, taxpayers and business community had some reservations in this regard due to various reasons.

To address taxpayers' apprehensions and to enhance transparency in the selection process, it was decided by Chairman FBR to randomly re-select cases for audit without any set parameters. This resulted in cases selected at total random. The Chairman also had the list of selected cases immediately available on FBR's website for access by taxpayers and the media.

Ceremony to select cases of Audit for Tax Year 2012 through random computer ballot was held in FBR House on 13th September, 2013. FBR's officers, representatives of Chambers of commerce & trade, tax bars and media attended and witnessed the balloting process which was also displayed on multimedia. The audit lists were printed, signed and were immediately uploaded to FBR's website at:

[http://fbr.gov.pk/CategoryLayoutList.aspx?view=Category\[Documents\]%20With%20List%20Layout&ActionID=733&ArticleID=](http://fbr.gov.pk/CategoryLayoutList.aspx?view=Category[Documents]%20With%20List%20Layout&ActionID=733&ArticleID=)



2-day Workshop on "Internal Communication in FBR" held

FBR's Facilitation and Taxpayers Education (FATE) Wing, in collaboration with GIZ, arranged a 2-day workshop on "Internal Communication Strategy for FBR" on 29th November and 2nd December 2013 in Islamabad.

The workshop was inaugurated by Chairman FBR Mr. Tariq Bajwa and was attended by senior officers of FBR Headquarters and field formations.

In his opening remarks, Chairman FBR Mr. Tariq Bajwa said that internal communication plays a crucial role in success or failure of any organization. Stressing the need for improved internal communication mechanism and protocols between various Wings of FBR as well as within the field formation, he was of the view that such workshops would assist FBR in enhanced coordination for timely decision making. He urged the officers of FBR to actively participate in the workshop so that an improved internal communication policy and SOPs can be developed in the light of recommendations of the workshop. The Chairman himself participated in the exercises and discussion in the opening session of the workshop.

Addressing the workshop, Member FATE Ms. Riffat Shaheen Qazi said that FATE wing has prioritized the need for better internal communication for prompt documentation and implementation of policies of the Government. She appreciated the efforts and participation of senior and middle managers of FBR in the formulation of the SOPs for internal communication.

Issues of dissemination of Information and communication strategies were evolved during the two day workshop by the officers themselves after interacting with one another. The workshop used instruments of role-playing, questionnaires and team-work exercises to underline the areas requiring attention in developing the communication SOPs.

The participants of the workshop also included Mr. Shahid Hussain Asad, Member (IR-Policy); Mr. Haroon M. Khan Tareen, Member (TPA) / HRM; Mr. Khwaja Tanveer Ahmed, Member (Internal Audit); Mr. Ch. Safdar Hussain, Member (Legal); Mr.

Shahid Hussain Jatoti, Member (Admin); Mr. Aftab Anwar Baloch, Member (Enforcement); Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan, Chief Commissioner RTO Rawalpindi, Mian Saeed Iqbal, Chief Commissioner RTO Islamabad; Ms. Raana Seerat, Chief Commissioner LTU Islamabad; Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Khan, Collector (Customs) Islamabad and other senior officers of FBR.



FBR creates history by publishing text directory

Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization Mohammad Ishaq Dar announced in the parliament House in January 2014 that a directory of taxpayers would be published by the government. He announced that as a first step the Tax Directory of parliamentarians would be published as being peoples' representatives, they have the foremost responsibility to pay taxes and file returns and this information should be available to everyone. He said that publishing of this directory would have a salutary effect on tax compliance in the country as well as assist in evolving a tax culture conducive to fair-play and democratic values.

Fulfilling this promise, on 15th February 2014, FBR published a directory of parliamentarians including all the 1174 lawmakers of National and Provincial Assemblies who have filed their tax returns. This directory is accessible on FBR's website at

<http://download1.fbr.gov.pk/Docs/20142281721048798PARLIMENTARIANSTAXDIRECTORY2013Dt.28.02.2014.pdf>

The government has decided that this directory will be published every year containing the tax details of all the taxpayers. In the next step, the government has decided to publish the names of all taxpayers as a comprehensive Taxpayers directory by the end of April 2014.

This was a bold step as Pakistan is the fourth country in the world—after Sweden, Finland and Norway—that has publicly released this information.



200+ Tax Facilitation Kiosks established to facilitate taxpayers

In order to facilitate the taxpayers for filing the returns of income for the tax year 2013, FBR has established more than two hundred (200) Tax Facilitation Kiosks (KIOSKs)/Tax Facilitation Centers (TFCs) throughout the country on places like important business centers, shopping malls, offices of Traders' Associations and important markets where maximum number of taxpayers can avail the facility.

Knowledgeable and competent officers/officials have been deputed in these KIOSKs/TFCs to guide and assist the

S. No	Name of RTO	No. of KIOSKS /TFCs
1	RTO Sialkot	15
2	RTO Sukkur	11
3	RTO Quetta	03
4	RTO Karachi	08
5	RTO-II Karachi	07
6	RTO-III Karachi	09
7	RTO Bahawalpur	09
8	RTO Islamabad	08
9	RTO Peshawar	10
10	RTO Gujranwala	12
11	RTO Faisalabad	11
12	RTO Lahore	13
13	RTO II Lahore	18
14	RTO Multan	13
15	RTO Abbottabad	09
16	RTO Rawalpindi	14
17	RTO Sargodha	16
18	RTO Hyderabad	20
	Total	206

taxpayers in the filing of tax returns. The details of such KIOSKs/TFCs and the contact numbers of the personnel manning these KIOSKs/TFCs have been displayed on the FBR website (<http://www.fbr.gov.pk>) for the convenience of the taxpayers.

These KIOSKs/TFCs will remain operational from Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, every day. The prescribed proforma of returns and wealth statement are also available on these KIOSKs/TFCs. Copies of the Taxpayers' Facilitation Guides published by the FATE Wing of the FBR are also available for the benefit of the taxpayers.

The KIOSKs/TFCs would provide education and guidance to the taxpayers, and would help the taxpayers to properly fill in the tax declarations. The taxpayers were requested through media to contact the nearest Tax Facilitation Kiosk/Tax Facilitation Centre in case of any difficulty or problem in filing their returns.



High Achiever

ReveNews proudly announces that the High Achiever for current issue is Mr. Syed Soulat Aftab, a Lower Division Clerk from Directorate General of Training & Research (IR), Lahore.

Syed Soulat Aftab was appointed initially as a Naib Qasid but was promoted as Lower Division Clerk as he achieved the required qualification and qualified the test. He was assigned the responsibilities of a bill clerk and cashier as DOT did not have a regular bill clerk. He is currently looking after the complete accounts of the office and his "precision and honesty" have been praised and cited by his superiors.

We congratulate Syed Soulat Abbas on becoming our new High Achiever.



Awareness workshop “Registration for Taxpayers- Forms and Process”

FBR (FATE WING) in collaboration with GIZ arranged an Awareness workshop on “Registration for Taxpayers- Forms and Process” at AVARI Hotel Lahore on 11th December, 2013. The workshop was attended by the officers of FATE Wing, Officers from RTO-I and RTO-II Lahore, Representatives of Lahore Traders Association and Lahore Tax Bar Association and GIZ.

Commissioner RTO Lahore Mr. Shahzada Tahir Alam gave brief opening remarks to welcome the participants of the workshop. He highlighted the initiatives undertaken by the FBR for the taxpayers and urged them to have an active and productive participation in the workshop to get its maximum benefit. This was followed by a comprehensive presentation by Mr. Naveed Hassan (DC RTO-II Lahore) on the registration forms recently translated in Urdu and launched to facilitate the taxpayers.

The participants actively participated in the interactive workshop and gave their input for further improving and simplifying the registration process. President Lahore Tax bar Association Qari Habib-ur-Rahman Zubairi and President of the Traders Association gave their feedback on the introduction of Urdu registration forms by FBR and appreciated FBR's efforts for facilitating the taxpayers.

This was followed by an extensive Q&A session in which the taxpayers shared their views and issues faced by them regarding the registration process. They also gave their suggestions and proposals for improving the process and making it more convenient for the taxpayers. Ms. Humera (Commissioner IP, RTO Lahore), Dr. Muhammad Nabeel (Secretary FATE) and other officers responded to the queries and complaints of the tax payers and assured them of effective redressal of their grievances. Towards the end, the GIZ representative talked about the collaboration with FBR and how this joint effort is helping carry out the much needed tax reforms in the country.

Federal Budget 2013-14 announced

The Federal Budget 2013-14 was presented by the Federal Minister for Finance Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar on 12-06-2013 on the floor of the National Assembly. The National Assembly approved the Finance Act on 27-06-2013.

The Budget preparation exercise at FBR started from 14-05-2013 with the first meeting of the Budget Coordination Committee headed by Member (Admin) who was the Chief Coordinator (Budget). The meeting chalked out and discussed the various steps required for smooth completion of the budget process. Duties were clearly assigned and processes were defined in view of the sensitivity of the process as well as the most important need of security and secrecy.

One day before the actual announcement of budget, only essential staff was required to attend the office and



were to remain inside the office premises till the announcement of budget next day.

Once the actual budget document was finalized in collaboration with the Finance ministry, FBR's printing centre started printing the budget documents, as well the other related documents. Chairman FBR himself was present in the printing centre, to open the budget printing process. Once printed, the documents were then handed over to the Cabinet Division for the special meeting of the cabinet to be held before the budget speech.

US Immigration & Customs enforcement training sessions

US immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted a two day training session on 20-21st May, 2013 for the officers and officials at DGTR (Customs), Karachi. Around 40 officers and officials of the Customs House attended the sessions in the morning and afternoons.



The training was imparted by Cross Border Financial Investigations Advisor Special Agent (SA) Ben Shelton covering the topics illicit Finance and Process of Crime Unit (IFPCU) Overview, Bulk Cash Smuggling, Passenger Targeting and Selectivity Training and Follow-up investigation Techniques.

This Directorate General of Training and Research (Customs) extended all its support and assistance to the visiting US Team by providing the venue/ logistics/ human resource as well as multimedia facilities. Mr. Ben Shelton appreciated the efforts of the DGTR (Customs) Karachi for organizing a well-managed event in a shortest possible time.



A day in the life of a Customs Inspector

By Inspector Javaid Masood



I entered customs service in 1983, and was promoted as an inspector in 1990, after seven years of service, including serving in Islamabad and on Sust border. Mainly I have been performing my duty at Benazir International Airport, Islamabad and as a preventive officer in mobile squad. Currently I am posted examiner at Islamabad dry port, which is located in sector I-9.

My day starts at 9 o'clock in the morning by checking my mail box, to know which containers I am to examine. I then inform the clearing agent whose container is to be examined of his right to be present at the time of examination. I take along my tool kit containing my dairy, notebook, cutter, magnifying glass, inch tape, magnet and a weighing scale.

Islamabad Dry port is well organized and I have ample time to thoroughly examine the containers allocated to me and ensure that all laws are met. I also take a customs sepoy with me to the yard who ensures that both the customs and shippers' seals are not tampered with, and then breaks them open. Thus begins my job.

The first thing I verify is that invoice and packing list are pasted on the doors of the container. I take pictures of the container as first opened and then de-stuff it. All items are stacked and counted. Then each item is separately examined. The description, quantity, origin and packing are verified. All items are checked against declaration. Mostly the items are ill described; for example a common mistake is declaring "cold drinks" and not the correct brand. Sometimes the mistakes are innocent and made out of ignorance, but mostly it is to pay less import duties or to transport contraband items.

A few years ago, a container exporting 4000 gents' sandals to Australia was marked to me. As I examined the consignment I noticed that the shoes were of low quality and poor packing. I wondered as to how such a product was being exported to Australia. On this deduction I decided to rip open the sandals that apparently looked

suspicious: the ones that did not bend with hand and were of more weight than normal sandals. On my thirteenth sandal, heroin was revealed. All of the consignment was then ripped opened. The consignment was of 4000 pairs, out of these 43 sandals has heroin concealed in the sole, a total of 23 kgs of drugs. The last mis-declaration I uncovered was just a few days ago where a container was declared as containing sandals, whereas it held expensive ladies fancy shoes.

As my day ends I report my examination to the Appraiser, through WeBoc, the news customs on-line system. WeBoc, has recently replaced PaCCS as the online clearing system for customs and I already like it. It is far more user-friendly and easier to put queries and reports on.

My job as an examiner is thrilling but my work on the squad was more thrilling. It involved chase of smugglers and encounters. I really like my job. I have found the notions of nepotism are false, ones work alone earns respect. My work gives me a sense of pride and achievement. I, in my white uniform, serve my nation and protect its borders. I still have ten more years to serve the department and I am determined to serve it with to the best of my abilities, and with full reverence to my white uniform that my country has entrusted to me.



In the Line of Duty

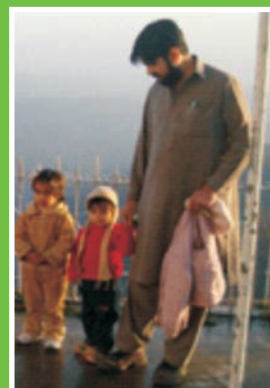


"And reckon not those who are killed in Allah's way as dead; nay, they are alive (and) are provided sustenance from their Lord;" (3:169)

On July 24, 2013, Ateeq-ur-Rehman, a 43 year old Customs Intelligence officer, was shot by unknown assailants when he was leaving his residence for his office. He was immediately taken to Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences but could not sustain the gunshots and embraced shahadat, just before iftar. Ateeq-ur-Rehman left behind three daughters, of whom the youngest of has just joined school.

Shaheed Ateeq-ur-Rehman was known for his kind heart and ever helping hand. He was a competent and honest officer who always believed in honesty, hard work and integrity and stood for them with courage and bravery.

At the time of his death, he was posted as Intelligence Officer, Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation, FBR, Islamabad.



LTU Karachi – Meeting with corporate taxpayers

A meeting with the representatives of corporate tax payers was held at Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU) Karachi for implementation of changes in Sales Tax Laws on 5th September 2013. The Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue, LTU Karachi welcomed the taxpayers and showed her satisfaction in active participation of tax matters.

The Commissioner Zone 1, LTU Karachi explained the provision of requirements specified in Sales Tax General Order (STGO) 28 of 2013 dated 5th July 2013 related to sales tax @ 17% on retail price basis by the manufacturers to be printed on items specified in the third schedule to Sales Tax Act 1990. The identified tax payers were asked to comply with requirement of informing the Commissioner of Inland Revenue about the stocks as in hand on 12th June 2013 with full description and quantity on which sales tax was printed @ 16% or on which no retail price was printed. The Sales Tax on supplies of such stocks is required to be paid @ 17% with effect from 13th June 2013. The identified taxpayers were informed that non-compliance of these requirements will immediately lead to tax audit.



Earlier workshops in small groups were held on daily basis from 18.08.2013 to 29.08.2013 to educate LTU taxpayers and representatives of trade bodies regarding amendments made through Finance Act 2013 in Income Tax Ordinance 2001, Sales Tax Act 1990 and Federal Excise Act 2005. Desk audit of Sales Tax & Federal Excise returns for the tax periods June and July 2013 were specially carried out and companies who did not comply with the recent changes in the provisions of Sales Tax & Federal Excise were identified. Statutory notices were issued for compliance. During this meeting, the taxpayers who did not pay their due sales tax liability at enhanced rate of 17% on retail prices were asked to pay their liability immediately to avoid any further legal actions. The representatives of taxpayers in turn ensured their compliance of their due tax liability.

Workshop on Finance Act 2013 held in LTU Karachi

A workshop was held in LTU Karachi on 28th August 2013 to educate and sensitize the stakeholders regarding the Finance Act 2013. Member (IR Operations) and Member (IR Policy) attended the workshop held in Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU) Karachi to discuss and educate the taxpayers / trade associations about the recent changes in Sales Tax, Income Tax and Federal Excise Duty brought through Finance Act 2013. The Chief Commissioner LTU Karachi briefed the participants about the workshop which was conducted daily basis to develop mutual understanding of amendments in Tax laws with the taxpayers of LTU Karachi for voluntary compliance in its true letter & spirit.

Both the Members observed the proceedings of the workshop conducted by a team of dedicated officers of LTU Karachi. During the interactive session, the Members of FBR discussed with the participants the implementation of changes brought in the Finance Act 2013. The participants appreciated the initiatives of by LTU Karachi / FBR to educate the taxpayers and trade associations about new budgetary measures and ensured their commitment in the larger interest of national revenue.



Workshop on e-filing of income tax returns at RTO, Faisalabad

A one-day workshop on e-filing of Income Tax Returns was held on 9th October 2013 in the Conference Room of RTO, Faisalabad.

The workshop was attended by a large number of representatives of government, semi government, private organizations and trade bodies. Mr. Mehmood Aslam, Commissioner IR, IP/TFD/BTB, inaugurated the session and welcomed the participants. He emphasized the importance of filing of returns and withholding statements as a national cause.

Addressing the salaried class he said that they had been contributing their share of tax into the national exchequer through at source deduction, however, the same was not recognized in tax roll due to non-filing of their tax returns. He stressed that the educated class of the society should be made aware of this fact so that their filed tax returns receive the credit of tax deducted and they should feel to be proud law abiding tax payers.

The audience were also informed that as per section 114 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, any person whose gross income for the tax year 2013 (financial year 2012-13) exceeds Rs.400000/- had to file the return of income in which he/she could have the credit of tax deductions made during the year and can also claim the refund of any extra deducted amount. It was also shared that the employers' statement filed in lieu of return were no more applicable and now it is the responsibility of the individual to file his/her Income Tax Return before the due date. They were also informed that the persons deriving income of more than Rs.500,000/- were required to e-file their Income Tax Return on FBR's portal, instead of manual return.

Mr. Ehsan Chaudhry, Manager PRAL, deliberated upon the procedure of e-registration and e-filing of Income Tax returns. The participants took keen interest in learning and understanding various steps of the procedure. The queries/questions raised by the participants were answered by the Commissioner and his team.

FBR has a new Chairman



Mr. Tariq Bajwa, an officer of Pakistan Administrative Service, joined FBR as its new Chairman on 2nd July, 2013.

Mr. Tariq Bajwa has a degree in Law and Political Science from the Punjab University. He later achieved a Master's degree in Public Administration from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University where he was awarded the prestigious Littauer Fellowship for academic excellence.

The New Chairman brings with him vast experience of Public Policy formulation and implementation with special focus on public and corporate finance. He has served in various key positions in the federal and provincial governments including his work with the Prime Minister's Secretariat, Government of Punjab, UNDP, ERRA and other organizations as well as serving as Joint Secretary Ministry of Industrial Production & Special Initiatives in the federal government and as Head of Pakistan's Trade Mission in Los Angeles, USA.

Before joining FBR, he was working as Finance Secretary in the Government of Punjab.

Chairman gives policy guidelines in his first meeting with FBR officers



Chairman FBR visits LTU Karachi

Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue, Mr. Tariq Bajwa, along with Mr. Shahid Hussain Asad, Member (IR Policy) and Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan, Member (IR Operation) visited Large Taxpayers Unit, Karachi on 24-09-2-13 to discuss revenue collection for the month of September, 2013. The meeting was attended by the Chief Commissioners Inland Revenue LTU, RTO-I, RTO-II and RTO-III, Karachi. Chairman, FBR directed all the Chief Commissioners to ensure achievement of budget estimates assigned for 1st quarter of 2013-14.



A meeting was also held between Chairman, FBR and various trade bodies including FPCCI, KCCI, PTA and Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association to discuss the matters relating to Sales Tax Returns according to the Finance Act 2013.

The representative of trade bodies pointed out various issues relating to filing of Sales Tax Return and other statements especially with reference to new methodology introduced vide Finance Act 2013. The Chairman FBR ensured to resolve issues of the trade bodies.



Civil servants briefed on working of FBR

Officers of 15th MCMC visit FBR

A group of Twenty-two participants of 15th Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) and faculty of National Institute of Management (NIM) Karachi visited FBR House, on 22nd April, 2013 as part of their country study tour.

After recitation from the Holy Quran, the group was welcomed to FBR House by Mrs. Riffat Shaheen Qazi Member Facilitation & Taxpayers' Education (FATE). She expressed her hope that the visit would provide the MCMC participants with an opportunity to get answers to their questions about FBR and the country's revenue collection system. She said that the participants' queries would give FBR an insight into the current thinking of mid-career civil servants from diverse backgrounds and thus would provide valuable feedback and input.

After introductions, Chief FATE Mr. Bakhtiar Muhammad gave a detailed presentation about the history, working, issues and future plans of FBR. He briefed the group in detail about various initiatives launched by FBR to enhance revenue collection and to expand the tax base.

The presentation was followed by an exhaustive Questions & Answers session during which the participants' questions were answered in a frank and direct manner by the acting Chairman FBR Mr. Shahid Rahim Sheikh and the relevant Members of FBR.

At the end of the Q&A session, the Director General NIM Mr. Tauqeer Ahmad thanked the management of FBR for arranging the visit. He also thanked them for providing with an opportunity to interact with FBR's top management and understand the grass-root issues facing the country's economy and the revenue collection system.

Acting Chairman FBR Mr. Shahid Rahim Sheikh and Director General NIM Karachi exchanged institutional shield as mementos of the visit.

FBR's Member Enforcement Hafiz Muhammad Anees, Member IR Mustafa Ashraf, Member HRM Ms. Raana Seerat, Member Taxpayers Audit Ms. Musarrat Jabeen, Member Administration Shahid Hussain Jatui and other officers also attended the briefing.

The visiting group had a group photograph with Mr. Shahid Rahim Sheikh Acting Chairman FBR, Mrs. Riffat Shaheen Qazi Member FATE and other officers of FBR.



senior officers undergoing 96th NMC visit FBR Headquarters

Senior bureaucrats undergoing the 96th National Management Course visited FBR headquarters on 24th April 2013. The 61 officers and 11 faculty member group was led by Rector of National School of Public Policy (NSPP) Mr. Ismail Qureshi.

FBR's Member (SP&S) Ms. Azra Mujtaba briefed the visiting officers on the history, structure, significance and working of FBR. The presentation was followed by an interactive question and answer session in which the visiting officers raised many questions.

Member (Inland Revenue) Mr. Shahid Hussain Asad Member (Taxpayers' Audit) Hafiz Muhammad Anees, Member (HRM) Ms. Rana Seerat and Member (Administration) Mr. Muhammad Raza Baqir answered the group's questions.

Addressing the visiting group, Mr. Shahid Hussain Asad highlighted the steps taken by FBR to enhance revenues and to maximize enforcement and implementation. He elaborated that the to-date revenue collection for the current financial year is higher than the corresponding period last year. He emphasized how taxes are crucial for development of any country and it is our duty to pay taxes for national development.

Member (IR) thanked the National Management Course's participants for visiting FBR and for contributing to the interactive session and giving suggestive feedback. A memorial shield was presented to Mr. Ismail Qureshi by Member (TPA) on behalf of FBR.

Rector (NSPP) Mr. Ismail Qureshi thanked the senior officers of FBR for providing this opportunity for exchange of ideas, suggesting that this be a continuous process. He added that we should continue working with zeal and to keep on contributing towards nation building and appreciated the FBR's increased cooperation with provinces on revenue matters. He also suggested setting up of a joint federal provincial Revenue organ like IRSA. The Rector Mr. Ismail Qureshi presented a commemorative shield to FBR which was received by Member (IR).

Visit of officers of 98th NMC

Another group sixty-nine senior civil servants participating in the 98th National Management Course (NMC) and faculty of National School of Public Policy (NSPP) visited FBR House on 7th May 2013.

The group was welcomed by Member Facilitation & Taxpayers' Education (FATE) Mrs. Riffat Shaheen Qazi. She briefed the visiting officers and faculty of NMC about the organizational structure, working and revenue collection performance of FBR. She highlighted the challenges faced by FBR and proposed way forward to tackle and resolve these issues.



The briefing was followed by a detailed Questions & Answers session. The NMC participants freely asked questions which were candidly and frankly responded to by the Chairman FBR Mr. Ansar Javed himself. He talked in detail about various initiatives launched by FBR to enhance revenue collection and to expand the tax base.

At the end of the Q&A session, the Rector National School of Public Policy Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi thanked FBR for providing the participants of NMC with an opportunity to interact with FBR's top management and to understand the grass-root issues facing the country's economy and the revenue collection system.

Chairman FBR Mr. Ansar Javed and Rector NSPP Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi exchanged institutional mementos.

Under-training officers of 99th NMC visit FBR Headquarters, Islamabad

A group of fifty seven senior civil servants participating in the 99th National Management Course (NMC), along with the Rector, Dean and the faculty of the National School of Public Policy (NSPP) visited FBR House, on 29th October 2013.

The group was welcomed by Member Facilitation & Taxpayers' Education (FATE) Mrs. Riffat Shaheen Qazi. She briefed the visiting officers and faculty of NMC about the organizational structure, working and revenue collection performance of FBR. She also highlighted the challenges faced by FBR and the way forward to resolve these issues.

Member Customs Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan and Member (IR-Policy) Mr. Shahid Hussain Asad also briefed the visiting officers on the working of their respective wings.

The Chairman FBR Mr. Tariq Bajwa, in his comments, gave a brief outline of the various policy and operational challenges faced by FBR and highlighted the strategies adopted by FBR to address these issues. He also discussed the major initiatives of FBR to enhance revenue generation through audit and enforcement initiatives and efforts broaden the tax base. He highlighted the measures being adopted by FBR to improve the tax to GDP and reduce the tax gap in the coming years.

The briefing was followed by a detailed Questions & Answers session. The NMC participants freely asked questions which were candidly and frankly responded to by the Chairman FBR Mr. Tariq Bajwa himself.

At the end of the Q&A session, the Rector National School of Public Policy Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi thanked FBR for providing the participants of NMC with an opportunity to interact with FBR's top management and to understand the grass-root issues facing the country's economy and the revenue collection system. Appreciating the performance of FBR under the incumbent Chairman, he said that it is the need of the hour to adopt and promote tax culture at every level of the society.

Chairman FBR Mr. Tariq Bajwa and Rector NSPP Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi exchanged institutional mementos.



Model Customs Collectorate Gwadar—an Overview

Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan in terms of territory. It has also become the most important province due to its geostrategic location and large natural resources. Balochistan has land borders with Iran and Afghanistan and vast coastal belt.

Before November, 2011, all the trade across the borders of the country in Balochistan province and trade through sea in area were regulated by the Model Customs Collectorate Quetta. But for a very large province like Balochistan it was very difficult to effectively administer the growing trade in the area by one Collectorate. To facilitate the trade and enhance the economic activities in the area, under the reforms process of Federal Board of Revenue, another Collectorate, i.e. Model customs Collectorate Gwadar was created in Balochistan.

Model Customs Collectorate Gwadar was notified in 2007 and was made functional in November, 2011. It has jurisdiction over 640 kms of Coastline from Gaddani to Gwadar. Its jurisdiction includes 350 kms long border with Iran. Model Customs Collectorate Gwadar consists of civil districts of Gwadar, Turbat, Panjgoor, Lasbella and Awaran.

In addition to the territorial jurisdiction mentioned above, there are notified Customs Ports in the jurisdiction of the Collectorate to facilitate international trade in the area. These notified Customs Ports include, Gwadar, Gaddani, Sonmiani, Ormara, Pasni and Jiwani. The Collectorate also has two international airports i.e.

Gwadar and Turbat. Besides these, there are notified land stations which include Rideeg (Mand), Border Point 250 (Jiwani) and Chidgi (Panjgoor). Currently six Deputy/Assistant Collectors, one Additional Collector and Collector are posted in MCC Gwadar.

Model customs Collectorate Gwadar is mainly a preventive Collectorate but it is also performing functions of collecting duty and taxes and regulation and facilitation of legal trade. Revenue is generated through Gwadar Port, Customs bonded warehouses, ship breaking in the Gaddani and by import of different kinds of goods through different Customs stations and land border points. Major items imported are Fertilizer, Bitumen, Metal Scrap, Wheat and Dates etc.

The Collectorate has also taken several initiatives which include repair of arms for effective anti-smuggling operations, provision of laptops and data to anti-smuggling squad for on the spot verification of vehicles, establishment of marine sections at Gwadar and Jiwani etc. Auction of confiscated vehicles, motorcycles and miscellaneous goods were conducted in December, 2012 from which a sizable amount of revenue was generated for government exchequer.





Confiscated Narcotics and liquor destroyed at MCC Gwadar on International Customs Day

On the occasion of International Customs Day 2013, MCC, Gwadar organized a ceremony to destroy the confiscated Narcotics and Liquor at Custom House, Gaddani.

During this ceremony, 5882 Kgs. of Charrras, 8.294 kgs of Heroin, 421 Bottles of Liquor and 240 Cans of Beer were destroyed. Representatives of media, Directorate General of Customs Intelligence & Investigation, FBR, District Administration, ANF (Anti-Narcotics Force), Pakistan Coast Guards, Police and Judiciary besides the officers and staff of the Collectorate were present on this occasion.

The destruction ceremony was inaugurated by the Collector of Customs, Dr. Arslan Subuctageen who highlighted the performance of the Collectorate especially in reference with anti-smuggling operations. He reiterated the commitment of Pakistan Customs against the smuggling of Narcotics and other contraband items and emphasized the role of Pakistan Customs plays in combating drug menace in Pakistan and prevention of proliferation of drugs and psychotropic substances around the world and thus its contribution towards safe and healthy development of the society.

Mr. Raza, the Additional Collector, presented vote of thanks and invited the guests to observe the destruction of Narcotics and Liquor.



Pictorial Glimpses



Attention Taxpayers

File Your Returns on Time

Pay your due taxes at designated branches of NBP/SBP



Filing of Wealth Statement Not Required

Those individuals whose taxable income for the tax year 2013 is upto Rupees One Million are not required to file wealth statement this year.



Requirement of Return for Salaried Persons

If a salaried person's salary for the tax year 2013 is more than Rs. 400,000/- and upto Rs. 500,000/- he/she is required to file his/her return of total income even if his/her employer has filed his/her statement. Salaried persons having taxable income of more than Rs. 500,000/- are to mandatorily e-file their returns.

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- Office Hours Helpline 0800-00-227 051-111-227-227
- By visiting the nearest Taxpayer Facilitation Centre (TFC). List of TFCs can be downloaded from FBR website at <http://www.fbr.gov.pk>
- Visit your nearest RTOs/TFCs/Help Desks/KIOSKs

Return forms, list of TFCs/RTOs and authorized branches of NBP/SBP can be downloaded from <http://www.fbr.gov.pk>

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To be a modern, progressive, effective, autonomous and credible organization for optimizing revenue by providing quality service and promoting compliance with related tax laws.

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Enhance the capability of the tax system to collect due taxes through application of modern techniques, providing taxpayer assistance and by creating a motivated, satisfied, dedicated and professional workforce

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"The rich and the poor are alike. They both complain about taxes."

"It's strange how a person with no sense of humor can come up with funny answers on tax return."