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Editor's Note

by Bakhtiar Muhammad

After the successful publication of the first issue of the FBR NEWSLETTER, new issue is brought forward for our readers outlining all the major activities and events undertaken by FBR (HQs) and its field formations during the month of October 2020.

Firstly, I would like to thank the readers for their overwhelming response to our initiative. Secondly, the FBR Newsletter provides a much needed platform to showcase untiring efforts undertaken by FBR officers and staff.

This edition of the FBR Newsletter highlights the efforts undertaken by FBR for Prime Minister's construction package and the success the scheme has had through FBR's specially designed portal in registering numerous development projects.

Most importantly to foster tax culture in our society, Facilitation and Taxpayer Education (FATE) Wing held tax awareness sessions across various educational institutes and shopping malls.

At this juncture it would be in fitness of things to realize that this venture can only continue to deliver if all field formations continue to contribute by submitting their initiatives and activities to the Editorial Board.

Chairman's Message



by Muhammad Javed Ghani

It gives me great pleasure to announce the joining of Dr. Waqar Masood Khan to team FBR as Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Revenue. We hope that Dr. Waqar's expertise and experience will further assist FBR in delivering and maintaining standards of top notch Public Service Organization.

FBR is the revenue collecting arm of government of Pakistan. It is also responsible for ensuring that it fosters an environment conducive for growth by providing the stakeholders all the necessary tools to build their businesses. The various ventures initiated and underway at FBR are all attempts to bring in a "**Taxpayer First**" attitude that is essential for stimulating service delivery of the organization.

While the work is underway it is important to note that considerable milestones have been achieved this month of October i.e MOU with Board of Revenue Punjab and Pakistan Sugar Mills Association in improving the operations of the organization. Customs agreement for Electronic Data Interchange between Pakistan and Afghan Customs. Efforts of FATE wing officers and Directorate of Intelligence IR and Customs are much appreciable during the month as well.

Access to information in this day and age is not the key to success but how one processes the information is the key which can yield desired results. Data can give you the what, where and when. Analytics might be able to provide the how. But only people can tell you why. In this backdrop, I hope that while all out efforts are being taken to gather third party information about taxpayer's profiles, FBR officers will rise to the challenge and utilize this data in order to perform their duties with full vigor and dedication.

FBR's MILESTONES

- **PM's Construction Package successfully being executed through FBR's specially designed portal**
- **FASTER System upgraded to FASTER PLUS to resolve issues of refund blockage**
- **Automated Duty Drawback (DDB) System now fully operational**
- **FBR signs MOU with Board of Revenue Punjab**
- **Notification of time limits for issuance of Income Tax Return form**
- **Mutual Assistant Agreement inked between Pakistan Customs and Afghan Customs**
- **8th Joint Border Trade Committee (JBTC) Between Pakistan and Iran**
- **MOU signed between FBR and PSMA for electronic monitoring of production**
- **Tax Awareness sessions held across various educational institutions and shopping malls**
- **Establishment of new formations**
- **Development of TAXRAY application**

Incentives for Construction Sector



**PM Pakistan
Has Announced
Incentives for
Construction Sector**



The Prime Minister's incentive scheme for builders and developers is now picking-up steam. With **FBR's specifically designed portal** for builders and developers showing definite signs of success and great amount of interest by the construction industry. A total of 127 projects have been registered with a total projected cost of Rs.63 billion. In addition, a total of 108 persons are also in the process of registering 114 projects at a projected cost of Rs.109 billion. The registered projects from major cities include 61 projects from Karachi, Lahore 44, Islamabad 30, Rawalpindi 19, Faisalabad 10 and rest from other cities. The last date for registering projects under the scheme is December 31, 2020.

Seminar on PM's Construction Package - Regional Tax Office Rawalpindi



Seminar on PM's Construction Package - Regional Tax Office Islamabad



Regional Tax Offices of Islamabad and Rawalpindi held seminars on PM's construction package to devise effective means through which the benefits of the package and the process through which aspiring applicants can avail the incentive package may be communicated.

FBR Policy Board Meeting



Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh chaired the 3rd meeting of the FBR Policy Board at the FBR Headquarters. The meeting discussed the proposed ToRs of the Policy Board; prepared by the Minister for Industries and Production, Hammad Azhar and Mr. Abdullah Yousaf, former Chairman, FBR. There was extensive discussion on the task assigned to another sub-committee which included Mr. Hammad Azhar and Faiz ullah Kamoka for designing a mechanism of data sharing between FBR and NADRA. On the proposed ToRs, the Chair, after detailed discussion with all the members of the Board, gave certain guidelines to refine the proposed ToRs under the supervision of the Special Assistant to PM on Revenue Dr. Waqar Masood Khan.

Agreement for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) between Pakistan & Afghanistan

Pakistan Customs and Afghan Customs Department signed important Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement. Syed Muhammad Tariq Huda, Member (Customs-Operation), FBR and Mr. Khalillullah Saleh Zad, Director General of Afghan Customs Department signed the agreement on behalf of their respective Customs Department. During the signing ceremony, His Excellency, Mr. Nisar Ahmad Ghoriyani, Minister of the Commerce and Industry of Afghanistan and Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue, Mr. Muhammad Javed Ghani were also present.

It is important to note that this Customs Cooperation Agreement has been signed in light of the directions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for establishment of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) between Pakistan and Afghanistan. To materialize the vision / direction of the Prime Minister, Customs officers of both countries had intensive consultations and meetings on regular basis.



Directorate of I&I (Inland Revenue) intensifies countrywide operations

Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation (Inland Revenue) Hyderabad

Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation (Inland Revenue), Hyderabad received a credible information that a business entity of manufacturing of Pulp, Paper & Paper Board has claimed huge electricity expenditure amounting to Rs.74, 961,695/- for the tax year 2019 and has declared the total sales for the said tax year at Rs.176, 944,121/- only, which does not commensurate with the claim of consumption of electricity during the said year. A team of the Directorate, duly authorized, visited the premises of business concern in SITE, Kotri and examined the records and data available in the premises. From initial scrutiny of the records, it transpires that the taxpayer concern had suppressed sales of finished goods of approximately Rs.500 million. Inquiry has been initiated after taking possession of necessary records.

The Enforcement Squad of the Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation (Inland Revenue), Hyderabad visited the premises of a Cigarette Distributor in Kunri, city of District Umer Kot. During search of the premises, the team found large quantity of Cartons of cigarettes of different brands stored in the Godown of said premises for illegal sale. The team found no genuine records regarding payment of applicable duties and taxes in respect of cigarettes, lying in the Godown. In the absence of such documentary evidences, the stock of 353 cartons of cigarettes involving the revenue of Rs.7 million approximately has been taken into custody.

Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation (Inland Revenue) Multan

Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation Multan raided a Manufacturing Unit with the name Naqshband Foods. The Manufacturing Unit was not registered with sales tax. After scrutiny of record, tax evasion of 30 million has been revealed.

Member IR - Operations initiatives for Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)

FBR is fully cognizant of its role in helping the business community realize its full potential. In order to create an enabling environment for business growth, FBR is fostering relationship between various chambers with special attention being paid to the needs of the business community. To manifest FBR's role as a catalyst for sustainable growth, Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, Member (IR-Operations) visited **Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI)** where a delegation of **Sargodha Chamber of Commerce & Industry** was also present. Similarly, issues pertaining to **Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA)** were also addressed in Faisalabad. **Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI)** and **Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI)** were assured of FBR's commitment to resolving all possible bottlenecks in ease of doing business through initiatives such as **FASTER PLUS** aimed at resolving the liquidity crunch of businesses.

Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI)



Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI)



MOU signed between FBR and PSMA for Electronic Monitoring of Production



In order to operationalize Video Analytics Rules, 2020 on Sugar sector, an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by FBR with Pakistan Sugar Mills Association in a ceremony held in FBR (HQ), Islamabad. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, Member (IR-Operations), FBR and Mr. Iskandar Khan, Central President, PSMA signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations.

Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, Member (IR-Operations), FBR welcoming the Central Chairman and other members of the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association remarked that FBR believes in minimizing the contact between tax collector and taxpayer to ensure ease of doing business.

FASTER PLUS launched to address issues of refund blockage

An upgraded version of Fully Automated Sales Tax e-Refund (Faster) system has officially been launched for expeditious and transparent processing and issuance of exporters' refunds.

Faster Plus will resolve the issues of refunds blockage.

A new dashboard has been activated at FBR e-portal to view the stage-wise update regarding refund claims without contacting any officials of FBR or PRAL.

SALES TAX

REFUND

MOU signed between FBR and the Representatives of the ChainStores Association of Pakistan (CAP)

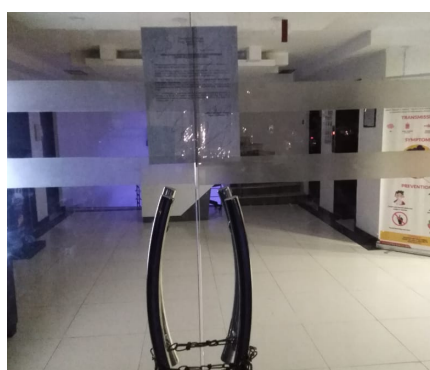
A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the Representatives of the ChainStores Association of Pakistan (CAP) at FBR (HQ) Islamabad to ensure effective and efficient integration of Point of Sales (PoS)/ tills installed at Tier 1 retailers's location all across the country. Achievement of this milestone provides for incentives to the retailers who voluntarily integrate with FBR's system by 30th November 2020. In order to facilitate smooth integration and collectively manage any bottlenecks, CAP committees will be formed at central and regional levels. CAP assured FBR that all Tier 1 integrated units/retailers would duly and fully integrate all their tills/PoS without any exception by November 30, 2020. They also assured that all of their branches would be fully integrated by then. The association will also augment FBR's efforts to improve the PoS system and make it foolproof. CAP will also assist FBR in the identification of all Tier 1 and Tier 2 Retailers who are liable to be integrated and have not yet integrated. The foundational principle of this MoU and the benefits agreed to by FBR is complete integration by Tier 1 Retailers with FBR's system by November 30, 2020.



Member IR (Operations) Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed exchanging the MOU with the Chairman Chainstore Association of Pakistan Mr. Rana Tariq Mehboob at FBR Headquarters, Islamabad.

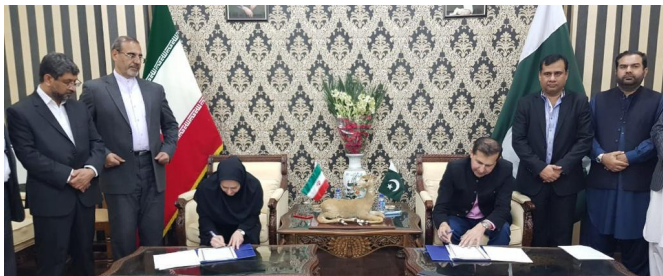
Enforcement efforts - Large Taxpayers' Office (LTO) Islamabad

The officers of Large Taxpayers' Office (LTO) Islamabad launched a full blown effort to ensure assigned targets are met through its dedicated enforcement efforts. Culmination of such efforts resulted in serving a demand notice to a private cellular company to the tune of Rs 25 Billion. Unfortunately, on non-payment of outstanding tax demand, office of the company had to be sealed. The officers CIR Waheed Khan, ADCIR, Saba Rehmat, DC, Ahmad Shakeel Babar, ADC HQ, Mazhar Shah all ensured that due diligence was followed.



8th Joint Border Trade Committee (JBTC) Between Pakistan and Iran

MCC Appraisalment and Facilitation, Quetta successfully conducted 8th Joint Border Trade Committee (JBTC) between Pakistan and Iran on 20th & 21st October 2020 in Quetta. Last meeting was held in November 2019 at Zahidan, Seestan & Balochistan (Iran). The 8th JBTC meeting was attended by 16 Provincial and Federal government departments and Mr. Abdul Waheed Marwat, Collector MCC A&F, Quetta was head of the delegation from Pakistan side. The Iranian delegation was headed by Mrs Mandana Zanganeh, Deputy Governor Economic Affairs Seestan & Balochistan, Iran. Mr. Amanullah Khan Yasinzai, Governor Balochistan graced the closing ceremony on 21st October 2020 and appreciated the work and performance of Pakistan Customs for organising the meeting. The Iranian delegates also expressed great satisfaction on efforts taken by Pakistan Customs.



Anti - Smuggling operations

Anti-smuggling operation to recover endangered species

Pakistan Customs Preventive Karachi in an unprecedented and historic anti-smuggling operation in DHA area has seized 74 smuggled Falcons and 1 Tilor - endangered species. Approximate value of the seizure is Rs 150 million.



Anti-Narcotics operation - MCC Gwadar

Model Customs Collectorate Gwadar in one of the Collectorates' largest anti-narcotics operation has seized 176 kgs of Heroin. Total value of Heroin is estimated at more than Rs 1.00 billion. This is one of the largest seizures of Heroin in Pakistan in recent past. Pakistan is committed to narcotics free world and Pakistan Customs is at forefront in fight against narcotics.



Seizure of ICE & Brown Sugar - MCC Quetta



Model Customs Collectorate Quetta near Noshki foiled attempt to smuggle ICE/Crystal Meth out of Pakistan and seized 8.8 kg of ICE and 5.040 kg of Brown Sugar valued Rs. 50 million. This unprecedented seizure of ICE by Customs Collectorate Quetta shows its commitment towards vision of Prime Minister to eradicate smuggling of narcotics within and through Pakistan.

Seizure of smuggled Betel Nuts - MCC Preventive Karachi

Pakistan Customs Preventive Karachi in a raid on godown situated at industrial area near Moachku Karachi seized 30,000 kg of smuggled betel nuts. The market value seized goods is Rs.30 million.

FBR signs MOU with Board of Revenue Punjab for sharing of data



Federal Board of Revenue
Revenue Division – Government of Pakistan

Federal Board of Revenue has achieved another milestone by signing an MoU with the Board of Revenue, Punjab. Under the MoU, Board of Revenue, Punjab will share the data with Federal Board of Revenue which includes E-Stamps on a number of transactions and land ownership data.

Taxpayer Education & Facilitation at Educational Institutes & Mall

In line with the vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan for promoting Taxation system in the country, Facilitation and Taxpayers' Education (FATE) Wing held Tax Awareness Educational Sessions in different educational institutes of Islamabad in pursuance of Letter of Understanding (LoU) signed between Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).

Tax Awareness Educational Session held in Islamabad Model College for Girls (IMCG) G-10/4



Tax Awareness Educational Session held in Islamabad Model College for Boys (IMCB) F-8/4



Tax Awareness Campaign in Centaurus Shopping Mall in collaboration with Regional Tax Office Islamabad

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)'s Facilitation and Taxpayers Education Wing with collaboration of RTO Islamabad held a day long Tax Awareness Campaign in the Centaurus Shopping Mall, Islamabad. The Campaign aimed to inform and educate the taxpayers and general public about launching Tax Asaan App, complaints redressal mechanism through Helpline and Integrity and Performance Management Unit, introduction of Point of Sales System and certain other facilitative initiatives taken by FBR. A large gathering of people participated in the campaign activities and appreciated this effort of FBR.

Member FATE Bakhtiar Muhammad, Chief FATE Aisha Farooq, Commissioner RTO Islamabad Ms. Nafeesa Satti and other officers of FATE Wing were present on the occasion to attend queries raised by the public. While talking with media, Member FATE said that the purpose of this campaign was to tell the people about the significance of tax payment. He said that such awareness campaigns would be held in all major cities of the country. He informed that FBR had launched TaxAsaan App for the taxpayers to file their Income Tax Returns with ease. He reiterated the resolve that FBR would take all possible steps to facilitate the taxpayers'.



FBR performance appreciated by Taxpayers

FBR is striving hard to establish itself as the best service-oriented organization in the country. FBR's untiring commitment to ensure that every possible effort is made to satisfy our stakeholders is central to everything we believe in. Some excerpts received from Prime Minister Delivery Unity (PMDU) portal are:



Dr. Ishrat Hussain addresses FBR Officers

Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Advisor to Prime Minister, Imran Khan for Institutional Reforms & Austerity addressed FBR officers at JS Auditorium Institute of Business Administration (IBA) City campus Karachi. He impressed upon the officers to mold themselves according to the changing landscape by embracing technological advancements that have transformed every facet of our lives. The session was followed by a detailed Q&A session.



Development of TAXRAY application

FBR has prepared a tracker application named "Taxray" for seeking access to complete details of the assets of citizens. There will be a record of fees paid in bank accounts, registered vehicles, registered businesses, purchased plots and fees of expensive schools. Taxray will also have important information including immigration data related to foreign visits.

Under Member IT, Mr. Asim Ahmed's supervision, Taxray app has been developed within a short span of six months. Taxray will also have a complete record of any kind of financial transaction and activity of citizens via bank transaction, credit card or merchandise machine debit card. Taxray will also pick up full data of unregistered citizens and retain it for bringing them into tax net.

FBR will launch "Taxray" based data on financial activities for usage of field formations soon. FBR's application "Taxray" will detect assets and other financial activities from National Identity Card Number. Several key institutions will also get information directly from the database. Tax collectors will be given full access to "Taxray" while general consumers will only be able to see details of their assets and financial activities through "Taxray". This application will be a game-changer in preventing tax evasion.

Establishment of new field formations

FBR established new field formations to cater to the growing population and increasing business activity. New field formations include Large Taxpayers' Office (LTO), Multan, Corporate Tax Office, Islamabad and Zonal office at Dera Ismail Khan.

Large Taxpayers' Office - LTO Multan

Ms. Nabila Faran Baig will assume charge as Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue Large Taxpayers' Office, Multan.

Corporate Tax Office - Islamabad

Mr. Malik Amjad Zubair Tiwana will assume charge as Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue, Corporate Tax Office, Islamabad.

Zonal Office - Dera Ismail Khan

Inauguration of FBR's new Zonal Office was held at Zakori Town DIKhan on 28th October, 2020. The plaque was unveiled by Mr. Sardar Ali Khawaja (Chief Commissioner, RTO, Peshawar). He was accompanied by Mr. Irfan Aziz (Commissioner IR, Dera Ismail Khan Zone), Mr. Ajmal Khan (Additional Commissioner HQs) and Mr. Sultan Nasir (Additional Commissioner IR, D.I.Khan Zone). The ceremony was attended by notables from various walks of life including business community, trade representatives, media persons, tax practitioners and officers of various government departments.



Mr. Sardar Ali Khawaja addressing the audience said that the people often talk about their rights but being responsible citizens of the country we all need to remember our duties also. He instructed his officers that instead of putting undue pressure on existing taxpayers, they need to broaden the tax net by booking of new taxpayers. He ensured the audience that every possible facilitation will be provided to existing compliant taxpayers but the taxpayers should also pay their due taxes according to their earnings. He also expressed determination to ensure professional integrity of the tax machinery. In case of complaints, he said, the complainants should come up with documentary evidence so that the department could proceed as per law. He acknowledged the efforts made by Mr. Sultan M Nawaz Nasir (Additional Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan) for establishing the Zonal Office at Dera Ismail Khan. He advised the Additional Commissioner to keep on working with the same spirits for FBR and Dera Ismail Khan.

Visit of Civil Service Academy Alumni

Senior office bearers of Civil Service Academy Alumni visited Federal Board of Revenue (HQ). Chairman FBR Muhammad Javed Ghani welcomed the senior office bearers of CSA Alumni. Chairman FBR presented shields to the senior office bearers of the Alumni Javed Nisar and Rao Tehsin Ali Khan. Spokesperson FBR and Member Taxpayers' Audit Nadeem Hussain Rizvi presented bouquets to the Alumni office bearers.



FBR appreciates the services of retiring Members



Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has acknowledged and appreciated the services of retiring senior Member Nadeem Dar and Member Legal and Accounting Customs Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad Warraich in the Board-in-Council Meeting. All the members of FBR attended the meeting and paid tributes to the services of retiring members. FBR Chairman Muhammad Javed Ghani presented shields to the retiring members.

Green Initiative - Collectorate of Customs Peshawar

The Collectorate of Customs E&C, Peshawar held a tree plantation ceremony at Regi Lalma, Peshawar in line with Governor KPK's fruit for all program. The Honorable Governor KPK, Mr Shah Farman attended the ceremony and planted a tree. He appreciated Pakistan Customs ' initiative.



Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shah Farman Planting a sapling under Governor Fruits for All Program during a Tree Plantation ceremony arranged by Pakistan Customs here at Regi Lalma, Peshawar on 26/10/2020



Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shah Farman addressing a Tree Plantation ceremony arranged by Pakistan Customs here at Regi Lalma, Peshawar on 26/10/2020



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