

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE
(LEGAL WING)

Islamabad 2nd September, 2024

C.No.1(1) Chief(Legal-II)/24

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To,

All Chief Commissioners (IR).
All Director Generals (IR).

Subject: FORMATION OF COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY OF PRESIDENT / FTO ORDERS

I am directed to refer to the subject and to state that a meeting was held between the Honorable Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO), Member (IR-Ops) and Member (Legal) on the issue of litigation by the department in the High Courts against the orders of the President/FTO. In order to avoid frivolous litigation and ensure that the Federal Board of Revenue's resources are not spent on a losing cause, it is crucial to assess the merits of each case before filing a Writ / Constitutional Petition before High Courts. In this regard, it has been decided to constitute a Scrutiny Committee in the Legal Wing, FBR, to evaluate whether a case is worthy of further litigation or not in the High Courts. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

1. Chief (Legal-III)
2. Chief (IR-Formations)
3. Legal Advisor/Panel Advocate

02. Foregoing in view, from now onwards, all field formations shall send the complete details / summary / facts of the case to the Legal Wing for review by the aforesaid Scrutiny Committee. Once, the Committee is satisfied about the merits of the case, it shall inform the Member (Legal) in writing. The orders of the President / FTO will only then be challenged before High Courts in writ petitions.

03. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Saleem Akhtar)
Chief (Legal-II)

Copy to:

1. Honorable Federal Tax Ombudsman, Islamabad.
2. All Members, FBR.
3. SA to The Chairman, FBR.
- ✓ 4. Web Master, FBR with the request to place the same on FBR's website.