

Planning Commission Newsletter

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Framework for Economic Growth

To gather views of Planning Commission on Result Based Management (RBM), a CIDA team made a presentation on RBM – an important compo-

nent of implementation plan of the 'Framework for Economic Growth' on 21st November 2011. The input of the meeting will guide in designing a workshop

on the subject in future. Member (Energy), who chaired the meeting, emphasized timely completion of projects instead of going for revisions.

Public Investment Authorization

- PIA Section coordinated with the Cabinet Division and organized a meeting of Executive Committee of the National Economic

Council (ECNEC) on 11th November, 2011.

- The meeting considered ten (10) mega projects.

The Section received fourteen (14) new de-

velopment schemes/projects for consideration of CDWP/ECNEC which have been circulated among the members of CDWP.

Money Prices & Fiscal Policy

- Prepared reference material for the ECC on analysis of regional prices of consumer critical items.
- Tracked trends of prices, monetary aggregates, fiscal policy and stock

- market.
- Prepared material for monetary developments during 1st July 2011 to 28th October, 2011.
- Prepared update on stock market developments for October 2011.

- Prepared brief for Price Stability Mechanism meeting.
- Coordinated the work of tariff reform exercise with relevant ministries/divisions/ stakeholders.

Industries & Commerce

- Held a meeting on Mineral Sector with all stakeholders on 2nd November 2011 in connection with preparing implementation plan of "Pakistan: Framework for Economic Growth". Member (S&T) chaired the meeting.

- To monitor physical progress, a representative of I&C Section visited Hyderabad and Omarkot to review three projects in Sindh Province: Revival of Hyderabad Leather Footwear Centre, and Glass Products Design &

Manufacturing Centre, Hyderabad and Red Chillies Processing Centre at Kunri, Umerkot, Sindh.

- Submitted a draft summary for consideration of ECNEC of a project titled "Establishment of

Industries & Commerce (cont)

Provincial Training Centre for Mine Workers and Emergency Response Training". CDWP approved the project in its meeting held on 21st October 2011 at a total estimated cost of Rs. 1.1 billion (including FEC of Rs. 805 million). The proposed project aims at supporting mining industry of Balochistan by developing lo-

cal human resources through establishing world class training facility on technical and vocational sides. The training facility will be equipped to meet the specific requirements for mining and emergency response training.

- A representative of the Section attended Departmental Development Working

Party meeting of PIDC in Karachi on 29th November 2011. The meeting considered following three projects:

- Fans Pakistan
- Rural Enterprise Development Company (REDEC)
- Training, Research & Development Project of Southern Punjab

National Fertilizer Development Centre

The Monthly Fertilizer Review Report of November, 2011 has been published. The report shows that total nutrient off take during October, 2011 remained at 397 thousand tones, around 20% less compared to October 2010. Nitrogen offtake increased by 0.3% while

phosphate and potash offtake decreased by 48% & 49% respectively. Urea offtake increased by 21% while DAP offtake recorded a decrease of 47%.

The major reason for increase in urea offtake during October 2011 appears to be hoarding of urea fertilizer. Since

most of the agricultural land in Punjab and Sindh was damaged by floods, the offtake remained low. Record decrease in phosphate and potassic fertilizers offtake was mainly due to high prices of during current season as compared to previous Rabi.

Governance

- Comments/views and presentation for the meeting of High Level Expert of ECO on Human Resources Development (21-22 November, 2011) held in Iran were prepared. A representative of Governance Section attended the meeting.
- Briefs on projects titled "Procurement/ Installation of Non-Intrusive Vehicle X-ray Inspection Sys-

tem (NVIS) (Phase-I)" and "Public Sector Capacity Building Project (PSCBP)" were prepared and forwarded to Member (I&M) for presentation to the Cabinet on Initiation/ Execution of Mega Projects.

- Comments/views on project titled "Rebasing of National Accounts from 1999-2000 to 2005-2006" were

offered.

- Nomination of 37 officers for various professional trainings/workshops/conferences were processed.
- Three meetings of the committee on foreign training were arranged. Twenty three officers attended foreign trainings/seminars/workshops during the month.

International Trade & Finance

- Updated data on External Sector of the economy. Provisional data released by FBS show that exports stood at \$7.9 billion during July-Oct 2011 (up 12% over corresponding period last year) while imports registered a growth of 20% and stood at \$14.7 billion during the same period. Commodity-wise analysis shows that all export groups have shown positive growth, which is encouraging while imports reveals a mix situation, Food, Machinery and Transport groups registered negative growth and others registered positive growth. The trade deficit remained at \$6.9 billion during the period.
- Prepared and circulated the chapter on Balance of Payment and External Sector of the economy for July-September 2011.
- Prepared brief on Korea for Secretary Planning & Development Division and Minister for Finance, Revenue & Development, Economic Affairs and Statistics.
- Examined the agreed minutes of 8th session of Pak-Jordan JMC on the request of Economic Affairs Division.
- Furnished comments to Economic Affairs Division on agreement between the Governments of Pakistan and Turkmenistan on joint intergovernmental Turkmen-Pakistan commission on economic cooperation.

Manpower

- Offered comments for High Level Expert Group Meeting on Human Resources Development to Governance Section.
- Submitted brief on Initiation/Execution of Mega Projects for presentation to the Cabinet Division.
- Comments/suggestions were offered to NAVTEC for their development programmes.

Public Investment Programming (PIP)

A follow-up report on decisions on presentation to President of Pakistan on Azad Jammu and Kashmir was prepared and furnished to Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Re-appropriation / Supplementary Grant: The policy of the Government is to consider re-appropriation proposals / projects of Water, Energy and Infrastruc-

ture Sectors on priority which are near completion or likely to be completed during the current financial year. To put such projects on fast track, supplementary grant / re-appropriation cases are prioritized.

Re-appropriation Cases: During the month of November, sixteen (16) re-appropriation cases were received in the

Planning Commission from different Ministries / Divisions out of which 10 re-appropriation cases amounting to Rs. 391 million have been approved as per policy while remaining 6 cases amounting to Rs. 1.64 billion were discouraged. The Ministry / Division wise details are as under:

Public Investment Programming (PIP)**(Cont..)****Re-appropriation Cases Received Upto 30th November 2011**

Ministry / Division	No. of Cases	Amount (Rs. Million)
APPROVED		
Cabinet Division	1	8.042
Ministry of Water and Power	1	60.000
Defence Division	1	34.992
Industries Division	1	42.282
Commerce Division	1	0.628
Ministry of Ports & Shipping	1	100.000
Planning & Development Division	3	141.914
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources	1	3.000
Total: (Approved)	10	390.858
UN-APPROVED		
Interior Division	1	3.078
Ministry of Water and Power	1	1600.000
IT & T Division	4	34.418
Total: (Un-approved)	6	1637.496
Grand Total	16	2028.354

Supplementary Grant:

As per existing policy supplementary grant cases were only considered if that helped the executing agency to complete the project.

Post Devolution Cases:

After constitution of new Ministries / Divisions, a number of

cases relating to devolved Projects / Schemes were received from various devolved and newly constituted Ministries / Divisions / Departments / Provincial Governments. These cases have been dealt with according to instructions / directions in

consultation with concerned Federal Ministries / Divisions and Provincial Governments. The Planning & Development Division has allowed adjustment in PSDP 2011-12 amounting to Rs 17 million, as detailed below:

Ministry / Division	Adjusted Amount (Rs. Million)
Ministry of Housing & Works	2.025
Capital Administration and Development (CAD)	12.495
Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC)	2.900
Total:	17.420

Presentation to Delegation of MPA's of Sindh: A Delegation of MPA's of Sindh Assembly visited Planning and Development Division during last week of November 2011. The delegation was appraised on "Karachi Development" and "Hyderabad Development" packages. A detailed presentation was arranged to appraise the delegation on the status

of projects implemented under these packages and on-going activities. The briefing also covered Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) Project, Layari Express Way and Karachi Mass Transit Projects. The delegation was informed that since financial year 2006-07 to 2011-12, about 134 projects (including 23 nearing completion during 2011-12) has been completed

in Karachi with total estimated at cost of Rs 37.7 billion. Similarly in Hyderabad about 11 projects with total investment of Rs. 0.7 billion have been completed in the same period. The delegation was also informed about the status of 90 on-going projects. Some of highlights of the presentation are as under:-

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Public Investment Programming (PIP)

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Projects Completed/Likely to be Completed During 2011-12

YEARS	KARACHI		HYDERABAD		TOTAL	
	No. of Projects	Cost (Rs. million)	No. of Projects	Cost (Rs. million)	No. of Projects	Cost (Rs. million)
2006-07	34	1,800	4	87	38	1,887
2007-08	33	15,900	5	126	38	16,026
2008-09	6	100	0	0	6	100
2009-10	31	1,400	2	456	33	1,856
2010-11	7	10,300	0	0	7	10,300
2011-12 *	23	8,200	0	0	23	8,200
Total:	134	37,700	11	669	145	38,369

* Projects Likely to be completed during financial year 2011-12.

Release of Funds of PSDP 2011-12: Upto 30th November 2011, Rs. 74.7 billion has been released to various Ministries / Divisions / Provinces / Areas from their allocation under the PSDP 2011-12.

Meetings: Portfolio review meetings of projects assuring Foreign Aid were held in Eco-

nomics Affairs Division with Canadian CIDA, JICA and ADB. PIP Section participated in these meetings. A National Steering Committee meeting on Canadian Debit SWAP for Education was held in EAD. Advisor (DB) represented the P&D Division in this meeting.

Training Workshops: Economic Affairs Divi-

sion arranged one day training workshop on Development Assistance Database (DAD) with a view to facilitate collaborative action for data entry and tracking disbursement of Foreign Assistance. Two Assistant Chiefs of PIP Section participated in the workshop on 29th November 2011.

A seminar on "Business and the Middle Class in Pakistan" was held on 30th November 2011. Scholars and researchers from PIDE and other private & business organizations presented papers. The officers from Planning and Development Division attended the Seminar.