

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

Introduction:

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is the prime official agency of Pakistan, responsible for collection, compilation and broadcasting of reliable and timely statistical information to the policy makers, planners and researchers. It publishes a variety of reports, based on primary and secondary data, especially on economics and social aspects of the country. After independence of Pakistan, Central Statistical Office (CSO) was setup by the Government of Pakistan in 1950 as an attached department of Economic Affairs Division. Since then statistical system was review from time to time by both local and foreign consultant. In 1972, on the recommendation of IBRD Mission, Central Statistical Office (CSO) was upgraded to a complete Statistics Division. The Division was re-organized in 1981 and its technical wing (the then CSO) was converted into Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS) as one of its attached departments. As a step forward Government of Pakistan has established Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, by merging Federal Bureau of Statistics, the Population Census Organization, The Agriculture Census Organization and the Technical wing of Statistics Division.

History of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics:

In 1947, the Central Statistical Office (CSO) was set up by the government of Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan. In 1950, CSO became an attached department of the Economic Affairs Division. In 1972, on the recommendation of IBRD Mission, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto upgraded the Central Statistical Office to a full-fledged government division. In 1981, the bureau was reorganized and its technical wing (CSO) was converted into the then Federal Bureau of Statistics. Former Finance Minister Dr. Mahbub-ul-Haq further reorganized the bureau.

Functions of PBS:

There are different functions of PBS are as follows:

- Collection, compilation and analysis of statistical data relating to various sectors of economy
- Publication of statistical data
- Supply of statistical information to Federal Ministries, Provincial Governments and other organizations
- Research with a view of improving statistics

- Exchange of statistical information with foreign countries
- Technical advice and statistical coordination with other departments
- Evaluation and introduction of standard concepts, definition and classifications pertaining to national statistical series
- Clearance of statistical projects undertaken by different organizations
- Evaluation of efficient computation methods for statistical estimation
- Implementation of policy laid down by the Ministry / Division by suitably adopting the Statistical System of Pakistan to conform with the policy
- Undertaking the National censuses and surveys

Main Activities of PBS:

Collection and compilation of statistical data relating to various socio-economic sectors through primary, secondary sources and administrative records of the government:

a) Primary Source:

1. Price Statistics
2. Labor Force Statistics
3. Demographic Statistics
4. Household Income & Expenditure Statistics
5. Statistics on Social & Economic status of household
6. Private Building Construction Statistics
7. Population & Housing Census
8. Agriculture & Livestock Census

b) Secondary Source:

1. Statistics of Manufacturing Industries
2. Social Statistics like Education, Health, Sports and Culture
3. Mining and Electricity Undertakings Statistics
4. Business and Communication

c) Administrative Record:

1. Foreign Trade Statistics
2. Public Finance Statistics
3. Publication of Statistical data.
4. Supply of Statistical information to Federal Ministries, Provincial Governments and other National & International Organizations.
5. To provide advice in technical matters like sample designing and preparation of questionnaires to other agencies/departments
6. Evaluation and introduction of standard concepts, definitions and classifications pertaining to national statistical series.
7. Evaluation of statistical methods for estimation.
8. On job training to the working statisticians of various Federal/Provincial organizations.
9. Preparation of National Accounts.

PBS Policies:

- Internship Policy
- Data Dissemination Policy

1-Internship Policy:

Planning Development & Reform Division and its attached department i.e. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) are already implementing National Internship Programme (NIP) and extend full support to NIP to ensure successful implementation of the programme, which has been devise and put into effect by the Government of Pakistan for the benefit of fresh unemployed Post Graduates, with the objective to enhance their capacity and employability in the country, besides providing financial relief to the young degrees holders.

Various Education Institutions i.e. universities and colleges in the country have also introduced an Internship Programme of short duration for Graduate/ Post Graduate students as a part of their degree programmes. In the light of this Internship Programme, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has been receiving

applications from students for internship for a specific period directly or through their respective Heads of the Educational Institutions or Departments and such applications is anticipated to increase in future. As such, it has been felt to have a policy for internship in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. Therefore, Policy for Internship in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics approved by the capable authority is as follows, which is subject to cancellation or revision with the approval of competent authority and will remain in mode until further orders:

1. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics will provide Internship for enrolled graduate/ post graduate students of Government/ Semi-Government Educational Institutions for a period not exceeding eight weeks. Applications for internship in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics need to be addressed to the Member, Resource Management, and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics by the students and in flight through their respective Heads of the Educational Institutions or Heads of their Departments.
2. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics will not pay any salary or stipend to the internees and internees will not be entitled for any benefit in terms of cash or kind from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics or the Government of Pakistan.
3. The concerned official of the Educational Institution forward applications for internship in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics with his/ her suggestion will be informed by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics as early as possible about the acceptance or rejection of the application.
4. The Member, Resource Management, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is authorized to accept or reject any application for internship without assigning any reason. The acceptance or rejection of any application by the Member, Resource Management, and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics will not be challengeable in any court of law. However, a presentation against the decision of the Member, Resource Management, and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics with regard to rejection of any application for internship can be made by the applicant to the Secretary, Planning, and Development & Reform Division the Competent Authority.
5. Internship of any internee will be subject to termination by the Member, Resource Management, and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics at any time/ stage without assigning any reason.
6. Only on successful completion of internship, the internee will be awarded a certificate for successful completion of internship which will be issued under the signature of the Member, Resource Management, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics or any other authorized officer of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. This certificate will be issued on the basis of final assessment report of the concerned officer of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

2-Data Dissemination Policy:

Collection, compilation and dissemination of data on various socio-economic sectors are the primary function of PBS. These data are collected from primary and Secondary Sources. The primary data are collected through different surveys such as Labor Force Survey (LFS), Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), Pakistan Integrated Household Survey (PIHS), and Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) etc. Secondary data such as Foreign Trade Statistics, Industrial Statistics, Transport and Communication Statistics, social statistics, agriculture Statistics, Environment statistics etc. are collected from the records of concerned Ministries/Departments. Demand for data is increasing greatly and that too in computer readable form on computer tapes/diskettes etc. Such demands are made mainly by various Government/Semi-Govt., Non Government Organization (NGOs), Research Institutions, and Universities etc. within and outside the country.

The previous policy adopted by PBS for data supply was that combined level data (tabulation) was provided to the users free of charges and this practice will continue. However special tabulation in the required computer understandable format would be supplied to users on demand, with charges to be deposited in the government assets. In case of demand for the sensitive information /data, the same may be supplied with the prior approval of the Federal Statistics Authority i.e. Secretary, Statistics Division.

In this age of information technology, the researchers/user is extending their demands for data at micro level. As a result PBS has revised its data dissemination policy as under.

Level/Format of Data to be supplied:

To maintain the privacy of statistical data, the micro level data may be supplied on tapes/diskettes after removing the micro-level identification only after publication of report.

Terms and Conditions for Data User/Researcher:

1. The user shall provide an undertaking that the data collected from PBS will not be supplied to any other person/organization either free of cost or on payment.
2. The user shall acknowledge the source of data and supply copies of the research work/articles (published/unpublished) to PBS.

Confidentiality of Information:

It will be ensure that the statistics supplied will not relate in any way the identity and state of affairs of any individual, firm or institution in strict fulfillment of the General Statistics Act, 1975.

Cost of Data:

1. Data collection, compilation and its processing involve huge cost. Therefore, it has been decided that the data users (other than government agencies) must share the cost of data. The charges of data to be recovered from users are given in the following schedule. The amount will be deposited in the Government treasury by the user and a copy of the challan/receipt will be provided to PBS. The user will also supply diskettes/magnetic tapes etc. to PBS for collecting the data.
2. A user in the foreign country may remit the charges as per schedule given hereinafter. The amount in US Dollar may be transferred to:

I. USA Correspondent Bank

II. Beneficiary Bank

Data supply free of Cost:

The data will be supplied free of cost to Govt. Departments, Govt. Controlled Research Institutions Like PIDE, NIPS, State Bank of Pakistan, Universities and UN/International Organization like UN Statistics Division, IMF, ECO, OIC, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, ESCAP, and UNESCO.

The PBS may supply micro data set on floppy diskettes on complimentary basis to any individual researchers/organization with the approval of competent authority on “Data Exchange Basis” or “Joint Research Analysis Purpose”.

Govt Forms Pakistan Bureau of Statistics:

To give more reliability and authenticity to the official data relating to economy, population, agriculture, trade and other areas, the government announced formation of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics by merging

three previous entities which would be managed by professionals. Addressing a press conference on Friday, Finance Minister Dr Abdul Hafeez Sheikh said government has formed a professional's lead Governing Council for the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics to produce independent and reliable economic data that would be trusted worldwide. He announced the merger of Federal Bureau of Statistics, the Population Census Organization and the Agriculture Census Organization to create Pakistan Bureau of Statistics Organization after the passage of Law by the parliament to establish an independent body of statistics. The independent organization will be run by an independent governing council consist of professional economists and statisticians, said Hafeez Sheikh.

Statistics body had been due for the last several years, but pressure from International Monetary Fund (IMF) forced government to step up efforts in that regard. Statistics body and governing council will function separately not be answerable to any ministry and will be autonomous in its decisions. Sheikh while answering the questions said legal protection has been given to new organization to secure it from any type of influence. Finance Minister Hafeez Sheikh would be the first Chairman of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. However, the organization PBS will be headed by a Chief Statistician who will be hired from the private sector. The advertisements in this regard will be published in important national and international dailies; Hafeez said and added that the Chief Statistician will be hired through proper channel from the private sector.

A three member HR Committee formed to interview and appoint the Chief Statistician. Members of the first governing council of PBS are Federal Finance Minister, Secretary Statistics Division, Professor Muhammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor, Gujrat University, Dr Shamshad Akhtar, former Governor SBP, Dr Zeba Sathar Country Director population Council (Pakistan), Dr Naveed Hamid Professor of Economics, Lahore School of Economics, Dr Mehtab Karim, Dr Eshya Mujahid, Mehmood Khan, Mohsin Hassan Khan. The law provides formation of 'Data Users Council' to guide and given input in the policies of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. The Users council will include administration from provincial governments, State Bank, private sector and media. Provision has been made for release and dissemination of data by statistics authority while protecting secrecy of individuals, firms and institutions.

Law also provides for establishment of a statistics fund to ensure financial self-sufficiency to the bureau. Protection has been provided in the draft law to existing employees of the bureau in terms of service and they will be governed by the Civil Servants Act 1973 and its rules and will continue service on same terms and conditions. Moreover, a new Statistics Research and Training Institute (SRTI) would be established in Lahore to train officials of statistical organizations. By establishing independent Statistics

organization, authorities hoped to qualify for IMF Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS) during current calendar year.

Publications of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics:

The publication includes data for the last ten years relating to climate, population, labor force, education, health, national accounts, agriculture, energy & mining, manufacturing, transport & communications, money & credit, public finance, prices, trade, development and planning, balance of payments and foreign economic assistance etc. Efforts have been made to design the statistical year book to meet the rapidly increasing requirements of the policy makers, researchers and other data users of public as well as private sectors. It is hoped that the data users will find this publications useful. Different publications are as follows.

- Pakistan Statistical year Book 2018(provisional)
- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, August 2019
- PBS News Bulletin, October to December, 2019
- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, July 2019
- Quarterly Review of foreign trade july-september, 2019
- Annual contraceptive performance report 2017-18
- Monthly bulletin of statistics, June 2019
- Quarterly review of foreign trade April –June, 2019
- Quarterly review of foreign trade January – March, 2019
- Compendium on gender statistics of Pakistan 2019
- Monthly bulletin of statistics may 2019

- Monthly bulletin of statistics, April 2019
- PBS new –bulletin July to September, 2019
- Monthly bulletin of statistics, March 2019
- Monthly bulletin of statistics, February 2019
- Monthly bulletin of statistics, January 2019
- PBS new –bulletin of, April to June, 2019
- Monthly bulletin of foreign trade December, 2018
- Monthly bulletin of statistics, December 2019
- Pakistan statistical year book 2017

Statistical Acts:

1. The General Statistics (Reorganization) Act, 2011
2. Draft Report on Service Structure and Service Rules
3. Addendum to the Draft Report on Service Structure and Service Rules

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- S.R.O. 82(KE)/2018, dated 02-08-2018
- S.R.O. 493(I)90, dated 31-05-1990
- S.R.O. 1060(I)88, dated 23-11-1988
- S.R.O. 250(I)85, dated 20-03-1985
- S.R.O. 774(I) 82, dated 07-08-1982