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I commend efforts of FBR in achieving historic level of tax revenues of Rs.4732 bn in 2020-21 - exceeding target of Rs 4691 bn &18% higher than last year. This performance is testimony to the strong economic revival spurred by our government's policies.

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Editor's Note

by Syed Nadeem Hussain Rizvi

The June 2021 edition of FBR Newsletter includes the complete breakup of the unmatched growth of 18 % in revenue collection for the tax year 2020-21 and its commendation by the highest authority. It also includes the details of the visit of Minister of Finance for prioritizing integration of retailers with the point of sales system of FBR.

The details regarding the meetings of the chairman FBR with representatives of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry and with Secretary IT &Telecom, Secretary Petroleum and the webinar conducted by Federation of Pakistan Chambers and Industry (FPCCI) in collaboration with FBR on Pakistan Single Window Program, could be explored herein this issue. This issue also discovers that the Anti-Benami Zones activities are taking pace against the benami properties. DG I&I Inland Revenue and FATE Wings activities are also covered in it.

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Chairman's Message



by Asim Ahmad

This fiscal year has witnessed unprecedented 18% revenue growth with 12.5 % increase in filing of the Income Tax Returns compared to last year. Hats off to team FBR for collecting first time in the history of the country PKR 4,732 billion and its contribution to national economic revival. In the underlying factors, I see the robust tax policy, effective enforcement and compliance strategy, ICT interventions and taxpayer's education, facilitation and awareness under the umbrella of visionary leadership provided by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

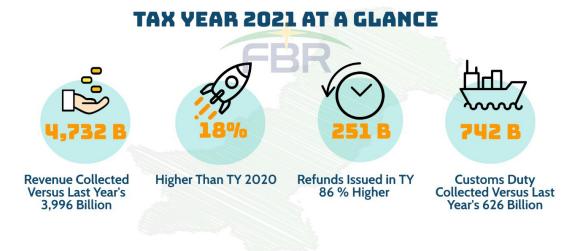
Strategy to increase the integration of retailers with the Points of Sales (POS) system of FBR has been devised as per Finance Minister's directions and being implemented in the upcoming months. Similarly examination of withholding transactions through third party data would be utilized in broadening of tax base and, similarly third party audits would create deterrence in tax evasion.

While prioritizing ease of doing business, FBR is constantly interacting with business chambers and is forming a business friendly environment. It is good to see that efforts of Antibenami zones are bearing fruits while enforcing the law in letter and spirit. The actions of I&I-IR taken against the illicit counterfeit cigarette, steel melters and re-rollers involved in evasion are commendable.

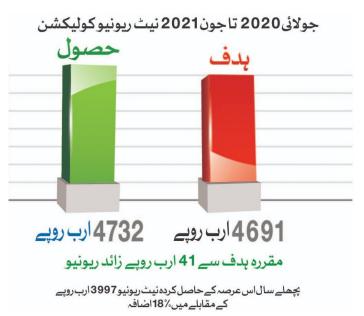
FBR (FATE) is joining hands with provincial education departments of government of the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for tax education and keeping its pledge to outreach activities.

FBR's MILESTONES

- Achieving historic level of Tax Revenues
- 18% higher than last fiscal year
- PKR 251 Billion refunds issued higher than 86% than the last fiscal year
- No pending refunds for fiscal year 2020-21
- Webinar session on Pakistan Single Window
- Successful Anti-Smuggling Operations
- Anti-Benami Intiatives
- Action against Tax Evaders
- MOU inked with Higher Education Department Punjab & KPK

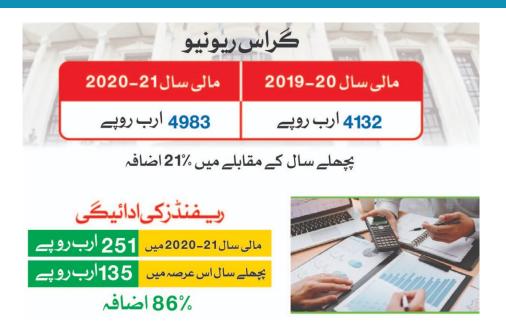


Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has released the provisional revenue collection figures for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. According to the provisional information, FBR has collected net revenue of Rs. 4,732 billion during Jul-June period, which has exceeded the target of Rs.4,691 billion by Rs. 41 billion. This represents a growth of about 18% over the collection of Rs. 3,997 billion during the same period last year.





The net collection for the month of June was Rs. 568 billion representing an increase of 26% over Rs. 451 billion collected in June 2020. The year-on-year growth of 18% is unprecedented particularly as it is realized on the heel of 26% growth in June. These figures would further improve before the close of the day and after book adjustments have been taken into account.



On the other hand, the gross collections increased from Rs. 4,132 billion during this period last year to Rs. 4,983 billion, showing an increase of 21 %. The amount of refunds disbursed was Rs. 251 billion compared to Rs. 135 billion paid last year, showing an increase of 86%. This is reflective of FBR's resolve to fast-track refunds to prevent liquidity shortages in the industry.

The improved revenue performance is even more significant due to adoption of 'no-undue' advances policy as well as effective enforcement by field formations. It is also a reflection of growing economic activities in the country despite facing the challenge of third wave of COVID-19.



Meanwhile, FBR's efforts to broaden the tax base are expending apace. Early signs suggest such efforts are bearing fruits. As on 30-6-2021, income tax returns for tax year 2020 have reached 3.01 million Compared to 2.67 million in Tax Year 2019, showing an increase of 12.5 %. The tax deposited with returns was Rs.52 billion compared to only Rs.34.3 billion last year, showing an increase of 52.1%.

According to the information released by FBR, 11,100 point of sale terminals have been integrated with real time reporting system of FBR.

Pakistan Customs has collected Rs. 742 billion under the head of customs duty in FY 2020-21 against the assigned target of Rs. 640 billion and exceeded its target by Rs. 102 billion which is 16% more than the assigned target.

Whereas during the month of June, 2021 an amount of Rs. 83 billion has been collected under the head of customs duty against the monthly target of Rs. 75 billion which is again 12% more than the assigned monthly target.

During June 2021 smuggled goods worth Rs. 3.7 billion have been seized. Similarly, during July 2020- June 2021, smuggled goods worth Rs. 57.7 billion have been seized as compared to Rs. 36 billion in Jul 2019-June 2020 thus showing an increase of 58%.

Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation-IR showed commendable performance during July 2020 to June 2021. During this period, Directorate General forwarded 1,608 Investigation Reports and Red Alerts to the field formations involving revenue amounting to Rs. 244 billion. Directorate General filed 71 complaints under Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 where more than Rs. 62 billion were involved. Directorate General seized 8,754 cartons containing 87,540,000 cigarette sticks during the period of July 2020 to June 2021.



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ڈائریکٹوریٹ جنرل انٹیلیجنس اینڈ آئی آرکی کامیابیاں 244 ارب روپے سے متعلق فیلڈفارمیشنز کو 1608 تحقیقاتی رپورٹس اور ریڈالرٹس جاری 62 ارب روپے سے متعلق اینٹی منی لانڈرنگ ایکٹ 2010 کے تحت 71 شکایات درج غیرقانونی سگریٹس کے 254 کارٹنز کی ضبط گی

Minister for Finance & Revenue visits FBR

Minister for Finance & Revenue Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin visited FBR Headquarters and held a meeting with FBR officers. The agenda of the meeting was to devise a strategy to increase integration of retailers with the Point of Sales System of FBR. The meeting also discussed the way forward to bring identified potential taxpayers into tax net. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Finance & Revenue Dr. Waqar Masood Khan and Chairman FBR Asim Ahmad along with other members of FBR were present in the meeting.



Chairman FBR while briefing said that the licensing of IT companies for installation and configuration of POS System would be completed by the end of August, 2021. He further briefed that monitoring cells would be formed in each RTO headed by respective Chief Commissioner to supervise the POS integration for achieving desired results. Minister for Finance and Revenue directed to ensure effective tracking progress of installed POS machines and provide post deployment support to the retailers. He further directed to determine the total volume of sales by retailers to effectively tap the revenue generation through POS system after adjustment of input and output taxes. He directed to establish a cell at FBR HQ to fast track the progress on POS integration.

The meeting under the Chair of Minister for Finance & Revenue also discussed the strategy to increase the tax net possibilities. FBR Team briefed that sizeable number of potential taxpayers have been identified after retrieving available data of their withholding taxes through third party sharing. Chairman FBR briefed that efforts are being made to bring all the identified potential taxpayers into tax net. Minster for Finance and Revenue directed to remove all hurdles in bringing the identified potential taxpayers on the basis of third party data being received through credible sources. The Minister stressed on the need to finalize the modalities of third party audit which would not only increase the tax net but would also generate much needed revenue. The meeting ended after it was decided to hold regular meetings to pursue the targets on fast track basis.

Delegation of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry's meeting with Chairman FBR

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Usman Dar along with delegation of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry met with Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Asim Ahmad here Wednesday FBR on at Headquarters. The delegation put forth proposals to Chairman FBR for consideration in the budget 2021-22.

Chairman FBR was assisted by Member Customs Operations, FBR and officers of IR Policy Wing. The Chairman FBR assured redressal of issues raised by the representatives of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and consideration of proposals in the coming budget.



Chief Executive, Pakistan Textile Council and delegation of A Cement Group's meeting with Chairman FBR



Chief Executive, Pakistan Textile Council and delegation of a Cement Group met with Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) here on Wednesday at FBR Headquarters. The delegation put forth proposals to Chairman FBR for consideration in the forthcoming budget 2021-22.

The delegation apprised the Chairman about the issues relating to minimum turnover tax, advance tax on imports and inter corporate tax on dividends. Simplification and facilitation of export promotion schemes was also discussed in the meeting.

Chairman FBR was assisted by Member Customs Policy, FBR and his team. The Chairman FBR assured due consideration of issues raised by the delegation in the forthcoming budget.

Meeting with Secretary Petroleum at FBR HQ

Chairman FBR, Mr. Asim Ahmad held a meeting with Mr. Arshad Mahmood, Secretary Petroleum at FBR Heaquarters. Deliberations were held on proposed fiscal incentives for upgradation of existing petroleum refinineries.

FBR Chairman assured for redressal of issues on priority basis.





Meeting with Secretary Information Technology & Telecom at FBR HQ

Chairman FBR, Mr. Asim Ahmad held a meeting with Dr. Sohail Rajput, Federal Secretary for Information Technology & Telecom along with his team to discuss IT and telecom related tax proposals.

The FBR Chief assured due consideration of the proposals in the forthcoming budget.

FPCCI organizes webinar session on PSW in collaboration with FBR

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) in collaboration with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) organized a webinar on Pakistan Single Window (PSW) program at their countrywide offices on June 1, 2021.

The PSW program is a major reform initiative led by Pakistan Customs that aims to transform the management of imports, exports, transit trade and related logistics. The program includes reengineering of processes and automation of dozens of regulatory agencies to reduce regulatory compliance costs and complications.



The webinar was part of the PSW's outreach plan to create awareness among stakeholders before launch of its first module - related to subscription in June 2021. Under this module traders and users will be able to avail electronic subscription and registration facility without needing to visit any government department. This will be followed by other 6 major releases by PSW in the current year to facilitate cross border trade and enhance government controls while integrating other government agencies. It is pertinent to mention that the government has promulgated the Pakistan Single Window Act, 2021 to ensure smooth operations of PSW.

The PSW implementation team attended the webinar and explained salient features of the new system to familiarise the participants with this system. The president of FPCCI Mian Nasir Magoon and other participants appreciated efforts of Pakistan Customs to facilitate trade.

Anti-Benami Initiative, (ABI) Zone-I confiscates a luxury vehicle in Islamabad

In a first of its kind operation, the Anti Benami Initiative (ABI) Zone – I, Islamabad confiscated a luxury five-door vehicle from a residential premise in the capital. The suspected benami owner was not enrolled with FBR and upon enquiry he disowned the vehicle and disclosed that he was just a driver whose CNIC was used by the beneficial owner of the vehicle.



After completion of enquiry and investigation, a reference was filed to the Adjudicating Authority which was decided in favor of ABI. Whereabouts of the vehicle were traced to a house in Islamabad which was subsequently searched, and, on 2nd June 2021, the vehicle was confiscated / impounded with the help of local law enforcement agencies under the Benami Transactions Prohibition Act 2017.

In accordance with the directions of the Prime Minister, momentum against benami assets accelerated in June 2019 with the inception of Anti Benami Zones across Pakistan. The three newly created zones, while functioning under the supervision of a Directorate General, have so far filed more than 90 references containing various categories of assets including shares, bank accounts, vehicles, land, and buildings etc. Among them are 33 vehicles which shall be confiscated as soon as these references attain finality under the law.

Team of DG I & I-Inland Revenue seize huge cache of illicit counterfeit cigarettes

In pursuit of the vision of Prime Minister to contain the menace of trade of counterfeit and illicit tobacco, Federal Board of Revenue's Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation – Inland Revenue has issued stringent directives to expedite the enforcement measures against the trade of counterfeit/Non-Duty Paid cigarettes.



A team of DG I&I-IR (Tobacco Squad), through its intelligence network intercepted a vehicle in the vicinity of Burhan Interchange on Motorway. During search of the vehicle, a huge cache of 500 packets (5,000,000 sticks) of local brands of cigarettes, involving revenue amounting to Rs. 15.795 million including FED of Rs. 13.5 million and Sales Tax of Rs. 2.295 million were discovered. On inquiry, it was also found that FED and Sales Tax were not deposited in Government Exchequer against supplies of aforesaid cigarettes. Thus, the Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation-Inland Revenue, Islamabad seized the cigarettes and mandatory legal proceedings for recovery of due taxes have been initiated.

Few weeks ago, the squad of the Directorate intercepted three vehicles carrying 900 packets (9,000,000 sticks) of non-duty/taxes paid cigarettes being supplied on the same route.

Directorate of I & I-IR, Lahore's action against Tax Evaders

In a drive against steel melters and re-rollers who are involved in massive evasion of Federal Excise Duty by way of suppression of actual production and supplies and suppression of actual value of supplies in violation of sub-section 5A of section 3 of Federal Excise Act, 2005, the Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation-Inland Revenue, Lahore carried out proceedings under Section 25 and Section 45 of Federal Excise Act, 2005 against two industrial units manufacturing iron and steel products (steel ingot and other long profiles of steel) which were working at adjacent premises situated at Sheikhupura.



The said units had not paid due Federal Excise Duty payable in sales tax mode on its dutiable supplies by way of concealment of actual production and sales. During the search, certain record was impounded which was under scrutiny. Further investigation is underway. The Directorate General Intelligence and Investigation-Inland Revenue shall continue such operations in order to detect the fraud of duty causing loss or revenue amounting to hundreds of millions of rupees.

Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation-IR's operation against unregistered unit

In a drive against unregistered persons who are liable to be registered and are required to pay due sales tax on their taxable supplies under the Sales Tax Act, 1990, Federal Board of Revenue's Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation-Inland Revenue, Multan has conducted proceedings under Section 38 and 40 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 against an unregistered unit manufacturing Plastic shoppers.

The unit was engaged in manufacturing and making taxable supplies of plastic shoppers involving huge consumption of electricity but was not paying sales tax and had also not obtained sales tax registration. During the search, relevant record was impounded which was under scrutiny. Further investigation in this regard is underway. Under the directions of Directorate General Intelligence and Investigation-Inland Revenue Islamabad, Intelligence & Investigation IR Multan shall continue such operations in future in order to detect tax fraud and to increase number of taxpayers.

Directorate General of Customs Post Clearance Audit unearths massive case of under invoicing

Federal Board of Revenue's Directorate General of Customs Post Clearance Audit has unearthed case of massive under invoicing and trade based money laundering on the case forwarded by Chief Collector of Customs Appraisement South Karachi. The Importer based in Lahore imported goods by declaring values massively less than actual values. The Exporter of the goods in a foreign country has confirmed that invoice value declared by the importer is grossly under invoiced and actual invoices have not been declared with customs instead fake and tempered invoices have been presented.

After detailed Audit and Investigation of the case an FIR has been registered against the importer. The duty and taxes evaded in the case are to the tune of Rs 186 million.

Man arrested for smuggling cocaine in swallowed capsules

Pakistan Customs, Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) arrested a Nigerian national attempting to smuggle 1.8 kg cocaine filled in 114 swallowed capsules of worth around 36 million. According to details, during the clearance of private airline coming from Nigeria via Qatar, Mr. Nwabueze Nicholas Izueke, a Nigerian national, was stopped by the staff of Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad while passing through Green Channel at the Arrivals Hall of Islamabad International Airport, Islamabad.

During scanning at Pakistan Customs' counter, the passenger's suspicious behavior reflected that he might have a concealed drugs in his stomach. The passenger was taken to the hospital where after X-ray, 114 cocaine filled capsules were recovered from him weighing 1.8 kg. The total value of cocaine is around Rs. 36 million. An FIR has been lodged against the accused and further investigations in the case are being made by the Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad.



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Memorandum of Understanding inked between FBR & Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab

In line with the vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan for promoting Taxation culture in the country, a special signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) was held on Friday at Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Lahore.

The Ceremony was observed by Punjab Provincial Minister Higher Education, Raja Yasir Hamayun Sarfraz and Member FATE and Spokesperson FBR Syed Nadeem Hussain Rizvi, Chief (FATE) Ms. Tehmina Aamer, Secretary (FATE) Mr. Rashid Javaid Rana and Secretary (FATE/PR) Adnan Akram Bajwa. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Provincial Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab Nadeem Mahbub and Chief (FATE) Tehmina Aamer.



MoU is aimed to promote tax culture & tax awareness in all educational institutions under Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab. It shall serve to foster positive taxation culture and awareness among students and teachers through different sets of activities, skills and experiential learning for making them responsible citizens. The training sessions will inculcate among students the significance of paying taxes and how to act the role of identifying tax evasion and reporting to the concerned tax authorities. Federal Board of Revenue will educate and train students and teachers through taxation syllabus, training sessions and seminars. According to the signed MoU, Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab will provide access to FBR for conduct of training and awareness activities in maximum provincial government educational institutions. This MoU will be applicable for three years.

FBR has decided to launch countrywide awareness sessions through seminars and training sessions to promote tax culture which will help to increase the number of taxpayers and revenue for the country.

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In line with the vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan for promoting Taxation culture in the country, a special signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Higher Education, Archives and Libraries Department, Government of KPK and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) was held on Wednesday at Higher Education, Archives and Libraries Department, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar.

The Ceremony was observed by Special Assistant to Chief Minister KPK on Higher Education and Information Kamran Khan Bangash, Chief FATE FBR, Tehmina Aamer, Secretary Higher Education, Archives and Libraries Dawood Khan, Secretary FATE FBR Alam Zaib Khan and Secretary PR FBR Adnan Akram Bajwa. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Provincial Secretary, Higher Education, Archives and Libraries Department, Government of KPK Dawood Khan and Chief FATE, FBR Tehmina Aamer.



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On the occasion, Special Assistant to Chief Minister KPK on Higher Education and Information Kamran Khan Bangash thanked FBR for introducing this idea of promoting tax culture among youth of the country. He expressed that the training sessions would enlighten the students about the necessity of tax payment which would make them tax compliant citizens.

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Helpline team has been at the forefront in resolving issues that come up from time to time such as Income Tax Return information, Filing of Tax Appeals, Computerized Payment Receipt (CPR) Correction queries, Registration/De-registration (Sales Tax, Income Tax, Non Profitable Organizations (NPOs), Greenfield Status, Builder/Developer and change in particulars in profile) related queries, Designated Non-Financial Businesses & Professions (DNFBPs) registration related queries, Refund related queries and matters pertaining to Customs.

In the month of June, 2021 FBR Helpline resolved **15,868** queries from email (helpline@fbr.gov.pk) and **22,318** queries through its helpline number (051-111-772-772).

Anti Benami Initiative

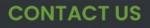


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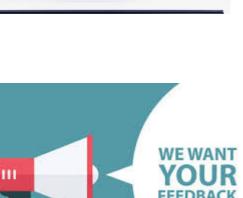


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