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NPOs, charitable bodies

## SECP suggests procedure for licensing and monitoring

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ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has proposed a detailed procedure and conditions for charitable organisations and non-profit organizations (NPOs) for their licensing, working and monitoring under section 42 of the Companies Act 2017.

The SECP has issued draft associations with Charitable and Not For Profit Objects (Licensing and Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2017.

All companies licensed under section 42 of the company law at the time of coming into force of these regulations, shall comply with all the requirements of these regulations within a period of six months from the date of notification of these regulations in the official gazette, the SECP said.

The provisions of these regulations shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the memorandum or articles of a company, or in any contract or agreement executed by it, or in any resolution passed by the company in general meeting or by its directors, whether the same be registered, executed or passed, as the case may be, before or after coming into force of the said provisions and any provision contained in the

memorandum, articles, agreement or resolution aforesaid shall, to the extent to which it is repugnant to the aforesaid provisions of these regulations, become or be void, as the case may be, the SECP said.

Application and procedure for grant of a licence: an association desirous of obtaining a licence under section 42 of the Act shall make an application to the commission as per Annexure-I along with all the supporting documents specified hereunder through an authorized promoter or authorized intermediary on its behalf. Documents included names of promoters, proposed directors and chief executive officer; copy of computerised national identity card (CNIC)/ valid passport (in case of foreigner) of each promoter and proposed chief executive officer; curriculum vitae of each promoter and proposed chief executive officer as per Annexure-II; an affidavit by each promoter and proposed chief executive officer as per Annexure-III; approximate future annual income and expenditure, specifying the expected sources of income and objects for its expenditure along with detailed breakup of the estimates as per Annexure-IV and a brief statement of charitable or other useful work if already

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undertaken and projects proposed to be undertaken in foreseeable future as per Annexure-V and a copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company.

Other documents included names of the companies, associations and other institutions in which the promoters, proposed directors and chief executive officer hold any office or position, with descriptions of offices and positions so held; a power of attorney made by all the promoters in favor of either one of them or an authorized intermediary to present the application before the Commission on their behalf, and to make other amendments, additions, corrections etc., in the documents and also to collect license as per Annexure-VI; copy of availability of name letter issued by the company registration office indicating that the proposed name is available and original bank challan as evidence of payment of fee specified in seventh schedule of the Act.

An association may apply for the promotion of single or multiple objects as provided in section 42 of the Act, or as may be directed by the commission. Where an association applies for a licence for the promotion of multiple objects, it shall

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have at least one promoter or director each of whom possesses sufficient educational background, skill and expertise in at least one field of the proposed objects so that all the promoters collectively have sufficient educational background, skill and expertise related to all of the objects and in case it applies for license for the promotion of a single object, majority of the promoters or directors shall be so qualified, the SECP said.

Where an association registered under any other law for the time being in force, make an application for the grant of licence under section 42, it shall, in addition to the documents required to be furnished under sub-regulation (1), be accompanied with the further information and documents.

Where an existing public limited company is desirous of obtaining licence

under section 42, it shall make an application to the commission as per Annexure-I along with an the supporting documents specified hereunder through a an authorized officer or authorized intermediary.

The commission while considering the application for grant of licence may make such enquiry and obtain such other information or clarification as it may deem necessary.

The commission may, on being satisfied that the promoters, proposed directors and chief

executive officer complies with the fit and proper criteria specified in regulation 10 and all other requirements for the grant of a license have been fulfilled and that it shall be in the public interest so to do, may grant a license under section 42 of the Act to the association as per Annexure-VII, subject to such conditions as it may deem fit to impose and may direct such association to be registered as a company with the commission in accordance of the provisions of the Act.

The licence shall be issued for a period of three (3) years unless it is revoked earlier by the commission.

In case of refusal of grant of license, the commission shall issue an order of refusal. An appeal can be made by the aggrieved person before the Appellate Bench within the time period specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997. Provided that the commission before refusal under this regulation shall provide an opportunity of being heard to the applicant.

The association which has been granted a licence by the commission under regulation (5) shall apply for its incorporation as a company under the provisions of the Act within a period or 30 days of the date of issuance or such licence. Provided that the commission may, under special circumstances, on an application made by the promoters, extend such time

as deemed fit and proper in the circumstances.

The licence granted to an association under section 42 may be revoked if the association does not apply for its incorporation as a company under provisions of the

Act within the time period as provided in these regulations or such time as extended by the commission: Provided that before a licence is so revoked., the commission shall give to the association an opportunity of submitting a representation in opposition to the revocation.

Conditions applicable to section 42 companies: In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the power of the Commission under section 42 of the Act and Regulation 5, a licence may be granted to associations, subject to the following conditions, namely:

Firstly, the company shall be formed as a public limited company and the company shall utilize all its money, property, donations or income or any part thereof solely for promoting its objects. Provided that any surplus or money not exceeding twenty five percent of total income of the year may be invested in government securities, national savings schemes issued by the Central Directorate Of National Savings Schemes issued by the Central Directorate of National Savings, a collective investment

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scheme registered under the Non-Banking Finance Companies and Notified Entities Regulations, 2008, a Real Estate Investment Trust Scheme registered under the Real Estate Investment Trust Regulations, 2015 or scheduled banks. There shall be at least three promoters or subscribers to its memorandum and articles of association or three directors if already registered as a company under the provisions of the company law. The limit of liability for each of its members shall not be less than one hundred thousand rupees and each promoter shall undertake to donate a reasonable amount of not less than two hundred thousand rupees as start-up donation or as advised by the commission in each case. Provided that this requirement shall not be applicable in case of a promoter representing or nominated by government or an institution or authority or other statutory body of the Federal or provincial government (s) or any other entity; in such case, the startup donation shall be contributed by the said Government, institution, body or entity as the case may be.

The directors or the chief executive officer shall be entitled only for reimbursement or payment of actual expenses incurred by them for attending meetings; payment of remuneration and other benefits shall be allowed only to the chief executive officer and directors who are non-members and are in the

whole time employment of the company and payment of remuneration or other benefits by the company or its subsidiary entity for services or otherwise to members of the company or to their relatives whether holding an office in the company or its subsidiary or not, shall be prohibited. Provided that the prohibition shall continue to apply for a period of two years after a member quits from the membership of the company.

The SECP said that an association which was issued license under the company law shall within period of not earlier than six months and not later than three months before the expiration of validity period of the earlier issued license, make an application to the commission through its authorized officer or authorized intermediary for renewal of the license, make an application to the commission through its authorized officer or authorized intermediary for renewal of the license.

The application for renewal under sub-regulation (1) shall be made to the commission as per Annexure- VIII along with all the supporting documents as specified therein along with original receipt evidencing payment of fee specified in seventh schedule of the Act;

Provided that till such time the license is renewed, the existing license shall be deemed valid for the purposes of these Regulations unless the

company failed to apply as specified and fulfill all the requirements to the satisfaction of the commission for the renewal of licence. Provided further that if the company fails to apply within the specified time period and fails to fulfill all the requirements to the satisfaction of the commission, and commission may initiate further proceedings in terms of provisions of sub-section(5) of section 42 of the Act.

The commission may after affording opportunity of hearing to the applicant may refuse to renew the license if in the opinion of the commission such applicant does not fulfill the requirements specified under the Act and these regulations and where the commission, after taking into account the facts, is of the view that it is not in the public interest or in the interest of the corporate sector to renew a license.

An appeal can be made by the aggrieved person before the Appellate Bench within time period specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997.

A person shall not be considered fit and proper to act as promoter, member, director or chief executive officer of the company if he or his family members are engaged in professional or commercial business, the operations of which can directly or indirectly draw benefit from the resources and network of the company or knowledge generated by

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the company or the position held by him in the company or there appear close integration prospects of charitable activities with such personal commercial interest or while striving for the promotion of charitable objects of the company it gives rise to occasion for promoting such commercial

interests.

The fit and proper criteria as set out shall also apply to members in place of quitting promoters and directors being elected or appointed or opted on board of directors including chief executive officer of the company, prior approval of

which shall be sought from the commission on an application made as per Annex-II by an authorized officer or authorized intermediary of the company accompanied inter alia with the specified documents, the SECP added.

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## THE RUPEE Firm trend

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KARACHI: The rupee maintained present levels against the dollar on the money market on Saturday in the process of trading, dealers said.

OPEN MARKET RATES: The rupee held overnight levels against the dollar for buying and selling at Rs 105.90 and Rs 106.10 respectively, they said.

The rupee shed five paisas against the euro for buying and selling at Rs 118.30 and 119.30 respectively, they said.

At the week-end, the dollar rose against a basket of currencies on Friday, helped by a sharp drop in the British pound after Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative Party lost its parliamentary majority in national elections.

The dollar index, which tracks the greenback against six major rivals, was up 0.37 percent at 97.273, after rising to a 10-day high of 97.5 earlier in the session.

The index had fallen to a seven-month low midweek

on caution ahead of US Senate testimony by former FBI Director James Comey and the British election. But on Friday, it added to gains from the previous session.

"The overall sentiment is that regardless of what is going on elsewhere, the US is a safe haven for investors and traders," said Minh Trang, senior currency trader at Silicon Valley Bank in Santa Clara, California.

Open Bid	Rs. 105.90
Open Offer	Rs. 106.10

Open market Rates: Interbank Closing Rates For Dollar on Saturday.

RUPEE IN LAHORE: The rupee-dollar parity stayed unchanged amid sluggish trading in the local currency market on Saturday.

According to currency dealers, demand and supply of the US dollar remained intact that kept the local currency stabilized throughout the trading session.

At the close, no change in

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the value of dollar took place on buying and selling side as it sustained its opening rates of Rs 106.00 and Rs 106.25 respectively, they added.

Furthermore, the local currency depreciated on buying side while it stayed unchanged on selling side against the pound sterling.

The British currency was bought and sold at Rs 134.60 and Rs 135.60 against Rs 134.40 and Rs 135.60 of Friday, they said.

RUPEE IN ISLAMABAD AND RAWALPINDI: The dollar was unchanged against the rupee at the open currency markets of Islamabad and Rawalpindi here on Saturday.

The dollar opened at Rs 105.95 (buying) and Rs 106.10 (selling) against last rate of Rs 105.90 (buying) and Rs 106 (selling). It closed at Rs 105.95 (buying) and Rs 106.10 (selling). Buying and selling rates of British Pound is Rs 136.50 (buying) and Rs 138.50 (selling).

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## Rs681.32bn released under PSDP

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ISLAMABAD:-The government released Rs 681.32 billion - 85.2 per cent of the budgeted allocation of Rs 800 billion - for different development projects under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2016-17 till June 2.

According to budget-2017-18 documents the government revised PSDP downward to Rs 715.1 billion for 2016-17 – a downward revision of 10.6 percent.

According to data released by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, the government released Rs 200 billion (83.75 per cent of total budgeted amount), including Rs 8 billion foreign aid, for development projects of various federal ministries against the total budgeted allocation of Rs 238.8 billion.

However, the government is yet to release funds for development projects of Foreign Affairs Division, Textile Industry Division and Gas Infrastructure Development Fund.

The government released Rs193.67 billion, including Rs78 billion foreign aid, for infrastructure projects of National Highway Authority (NHA) against the budgeted allocation of Rs192 billion; and released Rs40.76 billion for development projects of Pakistan Railways Division against total budgeted allocation of Rs41 billion for current fiscal year 2016-17.

The government has projected Rs209.68 billion development budget for the projects of NHA in budget 2017-18 and Rs 55.88 billion for Pakistan Railway.

Planning Commission released Rs22.57 billion, including Rs7.3 billion foreign aid, for different projects of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission against the total budgeted allocation of Rs28.6 billion for fiscal year 2016-17.

During the period under review, an amount of Rs924.5 billion was released for Water and Power Division (water sector) for the construction and development of reservoirs for water conservation, irrigation and power generation against the total allocation of Rs31.71 billion.

A total of Rs129.78 billion inclusive of Rs 55.43 billion foreign aid, was released for WAPDA (power sector) for development of power projects against the budgeted allocation of Rs130.86 billion. The government revised allocation upward to Rs 134.32 billion for current fiscal year 2016-17 for development projects of power sector and Rs 31.7 billion for water sector in budget-2017-18.

Under PSDP 2016-17, an amount of Rs7.8 billion was released for different development projects of

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Housing and Works Division against the total budgeted allocation of Rs8.8 billion. The government released Rs779.15 million for different developmental projects of National Food Security and Research Division against the earmarked Rs1.5 billion for the development of agriculture sector in the country.

A total of Rs 2.3 billion was released for Capital Administration and Development Division, Rs587 million for Climate Change Division, Rs2.3 billion for Defence Production Division, Rs11.15 billion for Interior Division, Rs271 million for Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority and Rs3.03 billion for Planning, Development and Reform.

Under the PSDP 2016-17, the government released Rs20.28 billion including Rs 73.8 million foreign aid for different projects of Higher Education Commission against total allocation of Rs21.486 billion while Rs 27.28 billion is projected in budget-2017-18.

An amount of Rs33.32 billion including Rs 523.8 million foreign aid, has been released for the National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Division against the budgeted allocation of Rs29.5 billion in the PSDP. The government released Rs61.3 billion for special federal development

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programmes for temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) and security enhancement under current year's development programme for the rehabilitation of TDPs against the total allocation of Rs100 billion. The government released Rs15.65 billion including

Rs1.77 billion foreign aid for development projects of Azad Jammu and Kashmir against the total budgeted allocation of Rs14.7 billion for current fiscal year. The government also released Rs10.8 billion for development projects of Gilgit-Baltistan against the

Rs11.15 billion budgeted allocation, while Rs21.55 billion including RS 218.53 million foreign aid have been released for the projects of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) against the total budgeted allocation of Rs22.3 billion.

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## Dar reviews budget-related proposals

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ISLAMBAD: Minister for Finance Senator Ishaq Dar chaired a meeting on Saturday at the Ministry of Finance to review various proposals received from parliamentarians related to the budget for FY 2017-18.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Revenue Haroon Akhtar Khan, Finance Secretary, Secretary EAD, and senior officials of the Ministry of Finance and FBR attended the meeting.

Special Assistant to Prime

Minister on Revenue and the Finance Secretary apprised the Finance Minister of the proposals submitted by the members of Parliament during the ongoing budget session in Parliament over the last two weeks. They also briefed the Minister on the feedback received from other stakeholders regarding the budget. They assured the Minister that a thorough study of the different proposals received has been carried out.

The Finance Minister said

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all proposals are being decided upon based on their merit and practicability. He said that in keeping with the past four years' tradition and democratic spirit of the PML-N government, the government is accommodating maximum possible proposals from the parliamentarians. He emphasized that ensuring the well-being of the general public is the top priority of the budget. He said all sectors of the economy will be catered in the final budget document.



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## Tax collection

### Provincial budgets negate spirit of 18th amendment

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LAHORE: The provincial budgets are yet negating the spirit of 18th amendment by relying more upon the federal government for financial transfers and share in divisible pool in the financial year 2017-18, said tax experts.

It may be noted that the passage of 18th amendment envisages dependence of federal government on provinces in terms of tax on services under the devolution plan.

They said it was not prudent to transfer tax power on provinces in terms of tax on services without having developed the expertise at the provincial level. He also points out that the provincial bureaucrats have not developed any financial administrative structure. But a few others have attributed it to the inefficiencies inherited from the federal government, and more specifically from the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).

According to the budget documents, the Punjab government will collect only 23 percent of revenue targeted for the fiscal year 2017-18 despite having huge machinery and a very efficient chief minister in place.

In its annual statement of revenue and expenditures, the Punjab government has

pitched total general revenue receipt at Rs 1,502 billion. Out of it, the share from the Federal Divisible Pool (FDP) is estimated at Rs 1,154 billion, which means that the Punjab government would generate only 23 percent of the total revenue throughout its own sources.

Tax experts have pointed out that the federal government has also opted for an easy mode of tax collection, i.e., through indirect taxes. The budget documents suggest that the Punjab government will receive Rs 698 billion from indirect taxes whereas share from the direct taxes would be Rs456 billion throughout the fiscal year. The province's own direct taxes amounted to Rs 38 billion in FY 2016-17 out of which major taxes were generated from property and land revenue.

It may be noted that the government has claimed that the contribution from services has increased to 59 percent of total GDP. It has further been claimed that the GDP has increased to \$300 billion, which means that the share of services is \$177 billion that becomes Rs 17700 billion in terms of local currency. But the government could collect only Rs166 billion, which shows the pathetic performance of the provinces. It is worth noting

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that collection of taxes from services fall within the preview of provinces.

According to the tax experts, the situation is not any promising if one looks into the revenue statement of Sindh government, as out of total revenue of Rs854 billion, the federal transfers would amount to Rs 654 billion, which is 77 percent. It means that the province of Sindh would collect only 24 percent from its own resources after repeated claims of collecting 80 percent of country's revenue.

The share from direct taxes is Rs 216 billion and the indirect taxes amount to Rs352 billion while taxes collected from the services as well as goods amounts to Rs185 billion. This is quite embarrassing, as all imports by sea are cleared at the Karachi sea port. All the clearing agents pay GST to the Sindh Revenue Board. Similarly, all the financial institutions and airline offices are also headquartered at Karachi. Collecting such a small amount of taxes does not make sense and it simply shows the lacklustre conduct of the fiscal managers there, said experts.

The situation in KP is slightly different, as it has limited space for industry or services due to its peculiar

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strategic location. With this caveat, it is still be relevant to look into their profile of revenue receipts. Out of the federal transfers of Rs425 billion, indirect taxes will share Rs222 billion whereas

Rs366 billion will be accrued from direct taxes. This situation is similar to the other two provinces. The own receipts of the KP province will amount to Rs45 billion out of which the

direct taxes will amount to only Rs3 billion. Major share would be collected through indirect taxes which amounts to Rs19 billion.

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## Listless business on cotton market

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KARACHI: Listless trading activity was seen on the cotton market on Saturday as leading participants were on the sideline due to less buying interest, dealers said.

The official spot rate was unchanged at Rs 6800, they said. In the ready session, not a single deal reported till our going to the press, they said.

Some brokers said that expectations of early and better-than-expected cotton production failed to propel mills and spinners to make deals in a hurry. Other

analysts said that most of them (spinners) were hoping of fall in the rates due to early arrivals of seed cotton.

Cotton analyst, Naseem Usman said that some other mills were confused in the absence of availability of gas, power and irrigation water.

Textile mills were facing several difficulties because of decline in exports, he added.

Adds Reuters: Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) said on Friday it would

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de-list all currently listed world cotton futures contract months as of the start of trading on Monday, and would defer listing any new contract months. ICE did not provide reasons for the delisting.

Market volume in the US cotton futures totalled 38,400 lots as of Friday.

ICE cotton futures fell to more than two week lows on Friday after the government lowered US export outlook for the new crop with a stronger dollar further weighing on the prices of the natural fibre

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KCA OFFICIAL SPOT RATES FOR 2016-17 FOR LOCAL DEALINGS IN PAK RUPEES FOR BASE GRADE 3 STAPLE LENGTH 1-1/16" MICRONAIRE VALUE BETWEEN 3.8 TO 4.9 NCL**

Rate For	Ex-Gin Price	Upcountry Expenses	Spot Rate Ex-Karachi	Spot Rate Ex-Karachi As on 09.06.2017	Difference Ex-Karachi in Rupees
37.324 Kgs Equivalent	6,800	135	6,935	6,935	NIL
40 Kgs	7,288	145	7,433	7,433	NIL

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## Cotton falls to over 2-week low after bearish USDA report

NEW YORK: ICE cotton futures fell to more than two-week lows on Friday after the government lowered its US export outlook for the new crop, as a stronger dollar further weighed on the prices of the natural fibre.

The December cotton contract on ICE Futures settled down 0.61 cent, or 0.83 percent, at 72.49 cents per lb to mark its biggest percentage fall since end-May. It traded within a range of 72.26 and 73.19 cents a lb.

"The report was bearish ... The projection the USDA made on (US) exports would be bearish. They lowered exports from 14 million to 13.5 million bales so that caused the ending stocks to increase half a million bales. So that is negative," said Keith Brown, principal at cotton broker Keith Brown and Co in

Moultrie, Georgia.

Ending stocks in the United States were projected at 5.5 million bales, which would be a nine-year high, the monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report released by the US Department of Agriculture showed.

"However, our crop still has some problems and the US has had issues with keeping high quality cotton in stock.

We think that the US export projection is likely to move higher as we go forward," said Louis Rose, co-founder and director of research and analytics at Rose Commodity Group.

World ending stocks are projected at 87.7 million bales, the lowest since 2011-12, the report added.

"Also the crops in the South

East have been getting some decent rains," Brown added.

A stronger dollar also pressured the prices of the natural fibre, he said.

The dollar index was up 0.40 percent.

Meanwhile, the July cotton contract on ICE Futures US touched a two-month low of 75.55 cents per lb. The contract settled over a percent lower at 75.69 cents per lb.

Total futures market volume rose by 6,517 to 38,400 lots. Data showed total open interest fell 298 to 232,940 contracts in the previous session.

Certificated cotton stocks deliverable as of June 8 totalled 453,374 480-lb bales, up from 449,299 in the previous session.—Reuters

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## ICE delists world cotton futures contracts

NEW YORK: Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) said on Friday it would delist all currently listed world cotton futures contract months as of the start of trading on Monday, and would defer listing any new contract months.

ICE did not provide reasons for the delisting.

“The exchange will continue to consult with market participants regarding the possibility of re-listing the contract for trading in the future,” ICE said in a statement.

The world cotton contract debuted in November 2015, after years of lobbying from merchants as ICE’s cotton

No. 2 futures contract only allows for delivery of US cotton.

The world cotton contract had nine delivery points in the United States, Australia, Taiwan and Malaysia, according to the ICE website.

But it never gained traction. There were literally no trades in the world cotton contract since early December 2017 and the trading volumes before that were negligible.

ICE continued to invest in growing the ICE Cotton No. 2 futures contract, said Damon Leavell, a spokesman for the exchange.

“Volume and open interest continue to rise into 2017. Based on customer feedback we are reviewing the world cotton contract’s original terms, and how we might improve its usefulness to the global cotton trade,” the spokesman said.

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## Faisalabad yarn and fibre prices

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FAISALABAD: Cotton yarn rates in rupees per 10 Lbs on Saturday (June 10, 2017).

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6-8/S Cone (Cotton)

ARY  
500.00

Sher  
400.00

Nelibar  
650.00

Al-Falah  
540.00

Chagi  
400.00

Shaheen  
400.00

Nelum  
400.00

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10/S Cone (Cotton)

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Sufi  
500.00

Model  
680.00

Adil  
520.00

Neilum  
540.00

Nelibar  
680.00

Owais  
510.00

Gold  
570.00

Urooj  
650.00

Shaheen  
510.00

Al-Falah  
510.00

Zam  
490.00

A.T.M  
540.00

Sun  
510.00

Apple  
670.00

Apple  
650.00

Ton-Ton  
640.00

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10/S Cone (Soft)

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Karni

Star

Es  
1050.00

S.B.  
880.00

Nelibar  
880.00

Kinoo  
980.00

Malta  
1050.00

Ayesha  
880.00

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Hard

12-14/S Cone (Cotton)

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Super 760.00	Motia	Prince 1150.00	W	----- ----
Model 760.00		Acro 990.00		
Qadri 650.00		Apple 850.00		Crescent 1325.00
Adil 650.00		----- ----		Yahya 1320.00
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16-18/S Cone (Cotton)		----- ----		Tayyab 1320.00
----- ----		Zahidjee 1310.00		Polo 1320.00
Nova 710.00		Anmool 1880.00		Ulfat 1340.00
Chagi 700.00		J.K. 1300.00		----- ----
Adil 700.00		Khalid 1040.00	Shafiq	24/S Cone (Cotton Warp) ----- ----
Model 800.00		Acro 1240.00		
Neeli 1060.00	Bar	Darulsalam 1250.00		Polo 1350.00
Super 1150.00	Motia	Hadabia 1300.00		Prince 1300.00
Prince 720.00		----- ----		Acro 1290.00
		22/S Cone (Cotton Warp)		H.A.R. 1300.00

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Silver 1340.00	Lines	Khalid 1450.00	Shafique	Hadabiya 1460.00
ATM 1330.00		Shafi 1400.00		A 1470.00
Anmool 1360.00		Chakwal 1525.00		Araian 1460.00
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30/S Cone (Cotton Warp)		Ittehad 1420.00		Nafees 1450.00
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AI 1430.00	Noor	----- ----		----- ----
Crescent 1425.00		32/S Cone (Cotton)		40/S Cone (Combed Cotton)
Acro 1410.00		----- ----		----- ----
Glamour 1350.00		Ahmad 1450.00		JK 1700.00
Arain 1420.00		Malikwal 1460.00		JK 1540.00
J.K. 1410.00		Chand 1440.00		Acro 1700.00
Gulistan 1525.00		J.K. 1550.00		Nishat 1750.00
Ujalla 1410.00		Target 1480.00		Betray 1625.00

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Ittihad 1650.00	Azam 1500.00	Sultan 1900.00		
Al-Nasar 1730.00	Wasal 1500.00	Kamal Diamond 1900.00		
Ejaz 1700.00	Super 1510.00	Gold Koiyal 2075.00		
superior 1750.00	Jubilee 1500.00	Malikwal 1900.00		
Nisar 1750.00	Babri 1510.00	Parado 1875.00		
Three-G 1560.00	Sally 1560.00	Four 1975.00	Star	
Suraj 1775.00	----- ----	N.P. 1900.00		
MKB 1500.00	52/S Cone (Combed Cotton)	Prime 1900.00	Plus	
Ramzan 1510.00	----- ----	Saif 1900.00		
Ahmad 1530.00	Crescent 2100.00	Super 1750.00	Shaheen	
Super 1500.00	Shaheen	Ittihad 2075.00	Nafees 1900.00	
Darul 1500.00	Islam	Suraj 2100.00	Habib 1925.00	
Four-G 1600.00	Al-Nasar 2150.00	Colony 1950.00		
A. 1540.00	Three	Tanveer 2050.00	Umer 1700.00	auto

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Two-G 1750.00				Commander 2750.00
		Prime 2475.00		Four 2800.00
60/S Cone (Combed Cotton)		Commander 2450.00		Rolex 3000.00
		N.P. 2550.00		Diamond 2950.00
Nishat 2300.00		Tower 2575.00		AI 2850.00
J.K. 2200.00				Chairman 2800.00
Mapal 2275.00	Leaf	80/S Cone (Cotton)		Battery 2850.00
Koiyal 2350.00				Shanshah 2750.00
Gujjar 2300.00	Khan	Gold 2650.00	King	
Pagri 2250.00		Super 2675.00	King	30-31/S Cone (Polyester Cotton)
Deen 2250.00		Mapal 2800.00	Leaf	
Alam 2250.00		Amjad 2700.00		Gold 139.74
		Khan 2700.00	Buhadur	Sun 130.56
72-74/S Cone (Cotton)		Admiral 2825.00		JK 110.00

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Bilal 104.00		Pak 107.00	Panther-II	North 135.00	Star
Tahir 109.00	Rafique	Nayab 110.00		A.D. 112.00	
Zahidjee 107.00		Kiran 116.00		Multan 113.00	
Bashir 115.00		NP 111.00		Golden 110.00	
Shadman 106.00		Mehtabi 106.00		Kirshma 110.00	
Sarfraz 106.00		Club 109.00		Al-Azhar 134.00	
Cherry 106.00		K.K. 109.00		Sarhad 112.00	
Khalid 105.00	Nazir	Ruby 111.00		Aslam 103.00	
Wasal 105.00	Kamal	Metro 99.00		Corolla 114.00	
North 106.00	Star	----- ----		Royal 109.00	
Super 108.00	Khuwaja	38/S Cone (Polyester Cotton)		Chairman 112.00	(N)
Anaar 114.00		----- ----		----- ----	
Action 92.00		Gold 150.96	Star	40/S Cone (Polyester Cotton)	
Marjan 110.00		Shahpur 136.96		----- ----	

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A.A. 161.16					Ashiana 119.34
	Koiyal 191.00				
Mehtabi 138.00					MM 98.00
	Super 182.00		LG		
Shadab 141.00					Blue 100.00
	A.J. 180.00				
Mazan 132.00					Star
	Ahmad 180.00		Fine		Super 102.00
					Jett
					Shuttle 98.00
40/S Cone (AV)					M-4 103.00
	30/S Cone (CVC)				
					Bemisal 96.00
Koiyal 178.00					Ghouri 98.00
	Ayesha 126.00				
Super 159.00			LG		U-2 99.00
	SUN 134.65				
A.J. 170.00					L.G. 104.00
	Kamal 126.00				
Ahmad 170.00			Fine		U-7 92.00
Asheana 204.00					Triple 97.00
	26/S Cone (PV)				two
					AJ 98.00
					Gold
40/2 Cone (AV)					
	AA 120.36				Candle 98.00

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Jaguar 99.00	Candle 108.00	Super 124.00	Jet
----- ---	Target 106.00	Bemisal 126.00	
34-36/S Cone (PV)	Dewan 104.00	Marghala 124.00	
----- ---	Royal 99.00	U-2 124.00	
A.A. 142.80	Spin 108.00	Cott Cheeta 123.00	
Ashiana 141.78	H.R. 107.00	Target 124.00	
Sapna 133.00	S.S. 120.00	S.S. 139.00	
Blue 110.00	Star Tanveer 110.00	----- ---	
Super 112.00	Jett ----- ---	65/S Cone (PV)	
Shahzad-H 112.00	44-46/S Cone (PV)	----- ---	
Shuttle 107.00	----- ---	Ashiana 222.36	
Bemisal 106.00	A.A. 171.36	U-2 176.00	
Shuttle 111.00	less Ashiana 170.34	Bemisal 174.00	
Cheeta 102.00	Sapna 150.00	Ghori 177.00	

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			L.G. 1570.00
Cheeta 166.00	60/S Cone PP		
	-----		Super 1580.00
A.J. 176.00	Gold	----	Azam 1590.00
	Zamin		Best 1590.00
Tanveer 177.00	115.00		
	Anwar		K.P.K. 1550.00
Maqbool 177.00	112.00		Colony 1510.00
	Taj	Mahal	
L.G. 178.00	111.00		Martial 1540.00
-----	-----		
----	----		
	36-38/S Cone (Staple)		
34/S Cone PP			
-----	-----		
----	----		
	Diamond	Gate	30/S Cone (Ecrylic)
Zamin 89.00	1600.00		
	Marghala		
Shadman 110.00	1570.00		
	Saif		Koial 162.00
Ellahi 111.00	1590.00		
	Four	Star	Saif 166.00
Dewan 89.00	1580.00		
	A.J.		Combine 148.00
U-2 92.00	1600.00		
-----	Fazal	Cloth	
----	1580.00		
			40/S Cone (Ecrylic)

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Saif  
174.00

Pagri  
173.00

Koial  
173.00

Combine  
159.00

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## Karachi Yarn Market Rate

**RECORDER**

**REPORT**

KARACHI: Karachi Yarn  
Market Rates on Saturday  
(June 10, 2017).

CONES CARDED

10/1

Popular  
920.00

Fibre

Indus  
1220.00

Fibre

Shadman  
1240.00

Textile

Indus  
1290.00

Dyeing

Textile

Diwan  
950.00

A. A.  
1200.00

Cotton

Lucky  
1230.00

Cotton

Tritex  
930.00

Tritex  
1170.00

A. A.  
1300.00

Cotton

12/1

Bajwa  
1210.00

Diwan  
1240.00

Nadeem  
1120.00

Textile

21/1

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Indus  
1160.00

Ishtiaq  
1240.00

Tex

CONES CARDED

Popular  
1100.00

Fibre

Al-Karam(A.K)  
1250.00

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Bajwa  
1150.00

Suriya  
1250.00

Tex

22/1

16/1

United  
1250.00

Bajwa  
1270.00

Nadeem  
1200.00

Textile

GulAhmed(G.Lite)  
1260.00

United  
1260.00

United  
1200.00

Popular  
1220.00

Fibre

24/1

A. A. Cotton  
1370.00



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		Amin		Tex.	Indus	CF
		1450.00			1740.00	
Tritex						
1320.00						
		Al-Karam			20/2	
		1430.00				
26/1						
		Jubilee		Spinning	GulAhmed	
		1350.00			1340.00	
AL-Karam						
1370.00						
		GulAhmed(G.Lite)			Amin	
		1430.00			1350.00	
Dewan						
1320.00						
		Lucky		Cotton	Indus	Dyeing
		1350.00			1360.00	
Amin	Text					
1350.00						
		Diamond		Intl	Bajwa	
		1400.00			1350.00	
Shadman	Cotton					
1350.00						
		A. A.	Cotton	Hosiery	Shadman	Cotton
		1480.00			1340.00	
Diamond	Int'l					
1320.00						
		32/1			42/1	
Popular	Spinning					
1300.00						
		Abdullah		Textile	Abdullah	Textile
		1380.00			1650.00	
Ishtiaq	Textile					
1320.00						
		40/1			52/1	
Lucky	Cotton				Abdullah	Textile
1320.00					1750.00	
		Lucky		Cotton		
		1650.00				
A. A.	Cotton				20/1. SLUB	
1450.00	Hosiery					
		52/1				
28/1		Lucky		Cotton	Abdullah	Textile
		1700.00			1300.00	
Abdullah	Textile				30/1 SLUB	
1350.00						
		COMBED CONE				
30/1		40/1			Abdullah	Textile
					1520.00	
					60/1	



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Rupali 76.00	150/48/0	DTY				20/1 PVB	A.A. 119.00	Textile	
Imported 72.00	150/48/0	DTY				A.A. 109.00	Textile		
Local 70.00		Mill				A. A. 109.00	Cotton		
Rupali 81.00	150/48	INT DTY				24/1 P.V. BRIGHT	A.A. 144.00	Textile	
Imported 72.00	150/48	INT DTY				A.A. 114.00	Tex.		40/1. (PVB)
Local 73.00		Mill				Sana 109.00	Sana		138.00
Imported 76.00	150/144	SIM				A. A. Cotton (80:20) 114.00	A. A.	Cotton	
Local NIL		Mill				26/1.PV Bright	A. A.	Textile	
----- ----						A.A. 119.00	Tex.		46/1 PVSD
RATE OF BLANDED YARN IN RUPEES (PER LBS)						Sana 111.00	Ibrahim		Fibre
----- ----						30/1 PV	28/1 PV SLUB		
P.V. CONES						A.A. 125.00	Tex."Z"	Twist	A.A. Clock Tower 148.00
----- ----						Sana 120.00	30/1 PV SLUB		
18/1 PV						A. A. 125.00	Cotton		(PVB) 150.00
A.A. 106.00			Textiles			26/1 P.V. (S.D.)		A. A. Cotton (PC) 155.00	



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A. 146.00	A. Cotton	A. A. Cotton 105.00	A.A. Cotton 117.00
8/1		----- ----	30/1. PC (52 : 48)
A. A. 95.00	Cotton (52 48)	P.C. COMBED	Zainab Textile (combed) 138.00
10/1		----- ----	Stallion 100.00
Zainab 115.00		20/1. PC	K. Nazir 112.00
A. 95.00	A. Cotton	----- ----	Al-Karam 112.00
Lucky 135.00	Cotton	A.A.SMLCARDED 123.00	AA SML (Carded) 131.00
12/1		Zainab (Combed) 123.00	A. A. Cotton (Carded) 122.00
A. 100.00	A. Cotton	A. A. Cotton (Carded) 112.00	A. A. Cotton CVC (65 : 35) 114.00
14/1		A. A. Cotton CVC (65 : 35) 110.00	36/1. PC
Zainab 118.00	Tex	24/1. PC	IFL Tex(Combed) 149.00
A. 105.00	A. Cotton	A. A. SML Carded 123.00	A. A. Cotton 140.00
16/1		Zainab (Combed) 128.00	40/1 PC
AA SML Carded (52 48) 114.00		A. A. Cotton 109.00	A.A. Textile (Combed) 159.00
IFL (52 48) 120.00		25/1	45/1 PC

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Zainab 172.00			AASML 122.00			Rupali 123.00			1.D
10/1 CVC									
A. A. Cotton (60:40) 100.00			40/1 CVC			Rupali 123.00	1.2		(SD)
			A. A. Cotton 140.00			----- ----			
12/1 CVC									
A. A. Cotton (60:40) 107.00			40/.1. VISCOSE			POLYESTER K.G			
			Sana 160.00			----- ----			
16/1 CVC									
A. A. Cotton (60:40) 112.00			Sana 160.00		Acrylic				
			----- ----			Ibrahim 123.00			Fiber(SD)
20/1 CVC									
A. A. Cotton (60:40) 118.00			READY STAPLE RUPEES	RATES FIBER	OF IN				
			----- ----			Ibrahim 123.00			1.D
AASML 114.00									
						Ibrahim 125.00	Fiber		Bright
24/1 CVC									
A. A. Cotton (60:40) 123.00			POLYESTER K.G						
			----- ----						
Sana 146.00									
AASML 111.00			I.C.I. 123.00						1.D
			----- ----						
			I.C.I. 123.00	1.2	(SD)				
30/1 CVC						FCFC 235.00	44	MM	Taiwan
A. A. Cotton 128.00			I.C.I. 125.00		Bright				
						FCFC 235.00	51	MM	Taiwan

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Grysum 235.00			India	----- ----			Monty 205.00	1.2x51	Italy
Thai 235.00	Reyon	51	MM	ACRYLIC K.G	FIBER		Acelon 205.00	Korea	1.2x51
S.P.V. Indonesia	Ind.	51 235.00	MM	----- ----					



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## Lawmakers' budget proposals reviewed

### APP

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar chaired a meeting on Saturday to review various proposals received from parliamentarians on budget 2017-18.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Revenue, Haroon Akhtar Khan, Finance Secretary, Secretary EAD, and senior officials of the Ministry of Finance and Federal Board of Revenue attended the meeting.

Mr Khan apprised the finance minister of the proposals submitted by parliamentarians during the ongoing budget

sessions in Parliament over the last two weeks.

Mr Dar was also briefed on the feedback received from other stakeholders regarding the budget.

The finance minister was assured that a thorough study of different proposals received has been carried out.

Mr Dar said all proposals are being decided based on merit and practicability.

He emphasised that ensuring the well-being of the general public is

the top priority of the government and went on to add that all sectors of the economy will be catered in the final budget document.

The finance minister appreciated the hard work put in by the budget team at the finance ministry and FBR during the ongoing budget session.

Mr Dar expressed confidence that the measures announced in budget will enhance the welfare and prosperity of the general public, and enable Pakistan to achieve higher, sustainable and inclusive economic growth.





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## Slow buying on cotton market

### The Newspaper's Staff Correspondent

MULTAN: The cotton market on Saturday remained slow as buyers and sellers withdrew to the sidelines. The Karachi Cotton Association kept its spot rate unchanged.

Cotton brokers said trading will gather momentum during the next week as a reasonable quantity of new crop from coastal cities of Sindh is likely to arrive.

About a dozen ginning factories in Sindh and three in Punjab will

become functional before Eidul Fitr.

They said ginners and wholesalers have unsold stock of 125,000 bales, but they were avoiding selling the commodity to mill owners on credit.

During the last week, the price of cotton rose to Rs7,000 per maund, phutti prices from Rs3,550 to Rs3,650 and cotton seed from Rs1,650 to Rs1,700.

On Saturday, the price of phutti was Rs3,550 in Umerkot, Rs3,600 in Degree, Rs3,575 in Jhandu and Rs3,550 in Badin. Major deals on the ready counter were: 200 bales from Shahdadpur at Rs7,000 a maund, 200 bales from Tandul Adam at Rs7,000, 200 bales from Rahim Yar Khan at Rs6,950 and 170 bales from Vehari at Rs6,775.

### THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KCA OFFICIAL SPOT RATES FOR 2015-16 FOR LOCAL DEALINGS IN PAK RUPEES FOR BASE GRADE 3 STAPLE LENGTH 1-1/32" MICRONAIRE VALUE BETWEEN 3.8 TO 4.9 NCL

Rate For	Ex-Gin Price	Upcountry Expenses	Spot Rate Ex-Karachi
37.324 Kgs Equivalent	6,800	135	6,935
40 Kgs	7,288	145	7,433

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## Tax experts oppose revival of concessionary SROs

KARACHI: Tax experts are surprised over the changes introduced through the finance bill, regarding revival of statutory notifications, which were done away with in order to eliminate SRO culture in the country, a statement said on Saturday.

“The revival of SROs raises questions about the concessionary notifications, which were deleted in the past years, while taxpayers were charged with normal tax,” Zeeshan Merchant, general secretary, Karachi Tax Bar Association (KTBA) stated.

“My question is: will the tax authorities refund the additional amount collected after rescinding the SROs?”

Merchant went on to say the amendment had been proposed through the finance bill to give shelter to SROs, which were implemented without parliamentary approval.

“The Supreme Court had barred Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) from implementing SROs without parliamentary approval,” the tax lawyer leader said.

According to experts at AF Ferguson & Co Chartered Accountants, the process of providing exemption and tax concessions in the Second Schedule of Income Tax Ordinance 2001 was subject to the prescribed procedure.

“In the present circumstances such process requires the approval of the federal government, which was held by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, that it could only be the Prime Minister and his cabinet,” the experts added.

They continued that now, the process of exemptions and tax concessions can be initiated by the FBR with the approval of the Minister In-charge subject to approval of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC).

“Consequently any notification issued from July 1, 2016 onwards is validated through this amendment up to June 30, 2018,” the experts from AF Ferguson & Co Chartered Accountants said adding, similar amendments have also been made in Customs,

Sales Tax and Federal Excise Act.

On the other hand, tax analysts at EY Ford Rhodes Chartered Accountants explained that all notifications issued with the approval of the ECC were required to be placed before the National Assembly for ratification.

“However, in case, such a notification, issued by the federal government, is not ratified by the parliament, it stands rescinded at the end of the financial year in which it was issued,” they added.

Keeping in view the long-drawn-out process of getting the exemptions legislated, the said powers of the federal government and the procedure thereof was criticised by different quarters.

The KTBA officials also said that validating the expired SROs would increase the litigation from those taxpayers, who were eligible for concessionary rates but paid higher amount of tax than what was required.

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## Govt mulls changes prior to finalising budget 2017/18

ISLAMABAD: The government is considering 'practical' changes into the budget for the next fiscal year of 2017/18 in line with the recommendations presented by the parliamentarians, finance minister said on Saturday.

"All proposals are being decided upon based on their merit and practicability," Finance Minister Ishaq Dar told a meeting to review various proposals received from parliamentarians related to the budget 2017/18.

"Keeping with the past four years' tradition and democratic spirit of the PML-N (Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz) government, the government is accommodating maximum possible proposals from the parliamentarians."

Minister Dar said ensuring the well-being of public is the top priority of the budget. "All sectors of the economy will be catered in the final budget document."

The finance minister appreciated the hard work put in by the budget team at the ministry of

finance and the Federal Board of Revenue during the ongoing budget session.

"Measures announced in the budget will enhance the welfare and prosperity of public, and enable Pakistan to achieve higher, sustainable and inclusive economic growth," he said.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Revenue Haroon Akhtar Khan apprised the finance minister of the proposals submitted by the members of parliament during the ongoing budget session in parliament over the last two weeks.

The minister was briefed on the feedback received from other stakeholders regarding the budget.

The officials assured the minister that a thorough study of the received proposals was carried out.

Meanwhile, Sikandar Hayat Khan Sherpao, senior minister for Irrigation, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

in a separate meeting, discussed matters relating to the financing of different projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the finance minister.

A statement said they discussed Pehur High Level Canal Extension Project, for which a loan agreement has been signed with the Asian Development Bank. "The federal government is also making a financial contribution for the project which will have positive impact on the development of the agriculture sector and the welfare of the farming community in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa," it added.

Dar said the federal government encourages and welcomes initiatives from the provinces for economic development. The present government has always been keen to work together with all provincial governments to develop and support initiatives which enhance the welfare of the general public," the minister said.

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## Exploring solar technologies to overcome energy crisis

### Munawar Hasan

For years, solar power had been one of the most neglected sources of electricity generation in Pakistan despite its immense potential and benefits. The neglect and oversight of this abundant indigenous power resource by the policy makers finally ended in recent time.

The technology of converting energy from sunlight into electricity gained prominence in Pakistan in the last couple of years with a successful installation of first project in Cholistan desert in district Bahawalpur.

The country receives one of the best solar-radiation in the world. It has the potential to generate more than 2.324 million megawatts (MW) a year through solar thermal and photovoltaic (PV) systems, a report said.

Geographically, Pakistan is blessed with one of the ideal locations in the world for producing energy from sunlight and heat. Solar irradiation of 1,920 kilowatts per meter squared per hour (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) has been reported in Pakistan, which is more than India, China, Germany and Spain.

Solar panels in Pakistan can produce one-third more power than installed in Germany, which is touted as the market leader with solar power capacity of more than 40 gigawatts.

Following years of missed opportunity, the solar energy take-off, nevertheless, has been remarkable. However, consistency and focused approach is needed to continue

the momentum set by this government's intervention.

The 100MW Quaid-e-Azam (QA) solar power project is considered a major breakthrough because of its size as well as for breaking the stereotyped dependence on fossil fuel for meeting electricity needs. This is the first-ever commercial solar PV project in the country and also one of the biggest in the world in terms of generation capacity. When it was initiated in 2014, an average size of a solar project in the world was 10MW.

The Punjab government, while realising the fact that the land-locked province is largely resources-deficient due to lack of any oil or gas reserves or major hydro source, came up with an idea of harnessing the solar irradiation for power generation.

The plug-and-play technology of PV solar allowed the provincial government to complete installation of the project in a year and 100MW plant was connected with the electricity grid before mid-2015. The provincial government completed grid-connected, ground-mounted solar PV project with its own resources as part of a startup company, namely Quaid-e-Azam Solar Power Company, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

Despite tech-driven ease of installation, the execution of the maiden solar project was an uphill task as everything had to be established from scratches. Right from identification of human resource for building and running the project to dealing with

cumbersome regulatory affairs, everything was hectic.

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif was fortunate that he got a vibrant team of professionals who spearheaded this herculean task. One official says QA is not a provincial project, but it is a national endeavour given the fact that top managers of this project belong to various provinces.

Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan, who supervised the project as additional chief secretary (energy), belongs to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, while Najam Ahmad Shah, chief executive officer of QA Solar Power Company hails from Karachi.

The federal government announced an upfront feed-in tariff of around 14 and 15 US cents per kWh for solar power plants in January 2015. The tariff announcement and the completion of the 100MW solar project created a great interest among new investors.

Now, the provincial government is going for strategic sale of QA solar project. Alternatively, it can offer its shares through initial public offering. The government will choose an option, which will ensure maximum income from the project, sources said.

On an investment of Rs3.8 billion by the Punjab government, the QA solar power plant has already earned it around Rs1.4 billion since its establishment back in mid-2015 by transmitting approximately 360 million units of electricity to the grid.

The provincial government's initiative has paid back to a great

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extent. Private investors have also showed interest in investing at the park and are in process of initiating work at the site.

As many as 400MW of power plants at QA Solar Park has already been developed, while officials hoped that another 700MW of electricity would come online by the end of the current year.

Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park started helping in provision of clean renewable energy that also provides carbon credits. Once completed to full capacity of 1,000MW, QA Solar Park is expected to cut carbon emission by 90,750 tons.

Federal as well as provincial governments need to undertake concerted efforts for keeping these projects on track. Otherwise, the unique solar initiative and meticulous execution would leave no lesson to imitate.

Bureaucratic delays and other bottlenecks have already dented progress of under-construction projects, being executed by private investors at the solar park.

Earlier, QA solar park was expected to reach its targeted capacity by the end of 2016. It is feared that 1,000MW capacity could not be installed at the park even by the end of 2017.

One of the main firms, investing the QA solar park, is braving regulatory impediments and has drastically scaled down its investment plan.

Sources said delays in tariff determination have been one of the major impediments to project's execution. Several investors have to retreat or change their investment plan because of the delayed

announcement or downward revision in power tariffs by the regulator. Analysts said a pre-determined timeframe should be followed in letter and spirit by the regulator to execute all the tasks.

They said the provincial government should also reduce shadow of its own mushrooming energy concerns. There are nearly dozens of government departments or entities at the provincial level. They were established in the past few years. Some of them are Punjab Energy Department, Punjab Power Development Board, Chief Engineer Power, Punjab Power Development Co. Ltd, Punjab Power Management Unit, Directorate of Power Projects, Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency, Reconciliation Cell, Quaid-e-Azam Thermal Power Limited and Punjab Energy Holding Company Limited.

Experts believe that such an extensive setup is counterproductive and further complicating the development process in the energy sector.

Further, delays in building transmission network for connecting the solar park with the grid for evacuation of power should also be expedited.

The electrical output of first phase of the park has been connected to a 132-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that runs through the solar park via the network of electricity distributor Multan Electric Power Company. The transmission line has a capacity of up to 400MW.

Officials said the state-run transmission company is in the process of upgrading off-take capacity to 1,000MW in addition to building a 220kV grid station for transmitting the last phase of 600MW generation from the park.

Analysts said the new energetic leadership at the National Transmission and Despatch Company is, indeed, required to speed up the work.

Experts said after endeavoring through PV solar, Pakistan now should be pragmatic in exploring other forms of solar energies. Solar energy can be harnessed using a range of ever-evolving technologies, such as solar heating, architecture, thermal storage, molten salt plants or artificial photosynthesis.

Nowadays, UAE is actively exploring an option of concentrated solar power for sustained supplies of electricity.

"We will have to be more imaginative in discovering new energy vistas for meeting our ever-increasing power needs," an expert said. "Therefore, specialised team should be assigned the task to jumpstart energy generation in all possible fields of solar energy, given the fact that it is abundantly available."

Solar power has increasingly become a cost-effective way of providing off-grid energy.

Punjab government has already started work on provision of off-grid solar solutions. Around 20,000 schools in the province will be provided solar panels under 'Ujala Programme' with the investment of billions of rupees.

All commercial and other activities, being done in daylight, can benefit from solar technologies. The demand load of school, colleges, universities, factories, commercial offices, trade centers and shops can effectively be met with solar energy that has no fuel cost.

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## Cotton unchanged

### By our correspondent

Karachi

No trading was recorded at the Karachi Cotton Exchange on Saturday, while spot rates remained unchanged. The spot rates remained unchanged at Rs6,800/maund (37.324kg) and Rs7,288/40kg. Ex-Karachi rates also stood firm at Rs6,935/maund and Rs7,433/40kg after an

addition of Rs135 and Rs145 as upcountry expenses, respectively. Naseem Usman, chairman of the Karachi Cotton Brokers Association, said trade remained low, but around 1,000 bales from the new crop have been pressed into bales, which is being sold at Rs7,000/maund. "Cottonseed arrival is picking up, while its price remains around

Rs3,500 to Rs3,550/40kg," he said. "Around seven ginning factories in Sindh have started purchasing cottonseed. However, only four of them have practically started the ginning." He said despite financial crunch in the textile sector, cotton prices remained steady in the country.

## Dar reviews parliamentarians' budget proposals

### Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD - Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said that budget proposals of the senators are being decided on merit and practicability.

The minister made these remarks while chairing a meeting at the Ministry of Finance to review various proposals received from parliamentarians related to the budget for FY2017-18. PM's Special Assistant on Revenue Haroon Akhtar Khan, finance secretary, EAD secretary and senior officials of the Ministry of Finance and FBR attended the meeting.

The Senate has made 275 recommendations to the National Assembly with major amendments in the Finance Bill 2017 including increasing the salaries and pension of government employees by at least 20 percent. However, the Senate's recommendations are not binding on the National Assembly in case of Money Bill.

The PM's special assistant and finance secretary apprised Dar of the proposals submitted by the members of Parliament during the ongoing budget session in Parliament over the last two weeks. They also briefed the minister on the feedback received from other stakeholders regarding

the budget. They assured the minister that a thorough study of the different proposals received has been carried out.

The minister said that all proposals are being decided upon based on their merit and practicability. He said that, in keeping with the past four years' tradition and democratic spirit of the PML-N government, the government is accommodating maximum possible proposals from the parliamentarians. He emphasised that ensuring the well-being of the general public is the top priority of the budget. He said that all sectors of the economy will be catered in the final budget document.

Dar appreciated the hard work put in by the budget team at the Ministry of Finance and FBR during the ongoing budget session. He expressed the confidence that the measures announced in the budget will enhance the welfare and prosperity of the general public and enable Pakistan to achieve higher, sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Meanwhile, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Irrigation Sikandar Hayat Khan Sherpao also called on Dar at the Ministry of Finance. Sikandar discussed matters

relating to the financing of different projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the minister, including the Pehur High Level Canal Extension Project, for which a loan agreement has been signed with the Asian Development Bank. The federal government is also making a financial contribution for the project which will have positive impact on the development of the agriculture sector and the welfare of the farming community in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Dar said that the federal government encourages and welcomes initiatives from the provinces for economic development. He said that the federal government has always been keen to work together with all provincial governments to develop and support initiatives which enhance the welfare of the general public. He said that the federal government is currently in the process of finalising the budget for FY 2017-18, which would extend all possible facilitation to people throughout the country including the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Dar assured Sikandar of his full support for economic uplift schemes in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

## Businessmen warn of protests against FBR

### Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE - Industrialists and traders on Saturday have announced to stage 'strong' protest against Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for conducting raids at business premises and misusing discretionary powers under section 30 & 40-B.

In a meeting held here on Saturday, the representatives of business community announced to choose all options including closures of businesses and protests in front of FBR offices. They said that the FBR staff has torn into pieces the orders of Senate Standing Committee on Finance and FBR chairman and conducting raids without taking LCCI and other trade bodies on board. They said that Section 40 & 38-B are being badly used by the FBR staff. They are visiting business premises to harass the business community. They not only take shocking measures to raise illegal tax demands without providing any supporting document but also carry all the available records with them, they added.

The participants of the meeting were of the view that teams from tax department should visit the markets, if indispensable, but they should immediately stop harassing business community. They said that if there is an urgent need for stock taking and ascertaining the Sales Tax liability of any particular business unit, the FBR officials should take association concerned or the LCCI on board.

They said that indirect taxes are being removed gradually throughout the world but here in Pakistan these are contributing around 60 percent to the revenue despite the fact that expenses on this practice are higher than the collections. All the participants said that FBR should stop harassing filers as non-filers and ones outside the tax net are not accounted for at all which discourages businesses to come into the tax net. Registered businesses are required to comply with various departments involving a lot of financial and time resources whereas unregistered businesses are free

from all such hassles, they added.

They said that there are 3.5 million registered taxpayers out of which only around 1 million file their tax returns. The government should take all the measures to ensure filing of returns by remaining 2.5 million individuals and businesses. The government claims that it always acts as a facilitator but in this scenario it is entirely otherwise, they added.

They said that attaching bank accounts for recovery of outstanding dues is hampering business growth and tarnishing the business-friendly image of the government. They said that bank accounts should not be attached without prior notice to the taxpayer and after seeking approval in writing of Commissioner in the light of reply submitted by the taxpayer. The recovery should be after the decision of the Tribunal and not before that.

They announced to stage protest in front of FBR Head Office if undue raids are not stopped immediately.



## Cotton growers advised

### APP

MULTAN:- Farmers have been advised to root out weeds from cotton fields to get good yield, said Agriculture Assistant Director Naveed Asmat Kohloon here on Saturday. He said that cotton is the most profitable and important fibre crop. The cotton contribution

could be much larger but for weeds can infest cotton crop and reduce its yield by 13-45 per cent, he added. He further said that weed control through herbicides, mechanical or manual methods leads to environmental pollution and high production cost.—APP

According to an estimate, weeds consume five to six times more nitrogen, five to twelve times more phosphorus and two to five times more potassium than the cotton crop and reduce the yield.