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Islamabad, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: PUNJAB WORKING GROUP ON PAKISTAN REGULATORY  
MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE(PRMI)

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to enclose herewith record note of the interactive virtual session held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for kind information and necessary action, as deemed appropriate.



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Statistical Officer (PRMI)

**Mr. Imran Sikandar Baloch,**  
Secretary, Planning & Development Board,  
Government of Punjab,  
**Lahore**

Copy to:

1. **The Chief Secretary**, Government of the Punjab, **Lahore**
2. **Mr. Ali Jalal**, Program Director, PIU, P&D, Punjab, **Lahore**
3. **Ms. Saba Ejaz**, Deputy Director, BOI (Investment Facilitation Centre), **Lahore**  
(for follow-up)
4. **APS** to Additional Secretary / EDG, BOI, **Islamabad**

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Subject: **RECORD NOTE OF MEETING WITH PUNJAB PRMI WORKING GROUP**

An interactive virtual session with Punjab PRMI Working Group was held on 25-06-2021. Mr. Mukarram Jah Ansari, Additional Secretary / Executive Director General (AS/EDG), led BOI Team while all members of Punjab PRMI Working Group attended the meeting. **The list of participants is annexed.**

2. The session started with recitation from the Holy Quran. AS / EDG welcomed the participants and informed that PRMI's objectives are to reduce compliance & cost burden on businesses. He highlighted that presently business face a high burden (time and cost) to comply with regulation at three-tiered structure (Federal / Provincial / Municipal) in a paper based environment. There are overlapping regulations and competing regulatory mandates, non-availability of information & requirements and uncertain outcomes for businesses interacting with regulators.

3. He further apprised that PRMI activities involve carrying out mapping of business regulation/laws, analysis and review of relevance and usefulness, elimination of unnecessary regulations, simplification through consultations with the private sector/business associations, and automation of business regulations. The final outcome of this whole exercise would be Pakistan Business Portal (PBP) allowing electronic registration/licensing and enabling e-payment facility for all business related fees and charges.

4. AS / EDG further emphasized that under the approved PRMI strategy, every Provincial Working Group will implement its own mapping, analysis, simplification and notification of regulatory changes. Punjab PRMI Working Group is to lead and guide their Focal Persons to review all business related Regulatory Laws / Regulations being implemented in Punjab, prepare inventory of RLCOs, and regulatory requirements. He urged that Focal Persons should regularly visit **business.gov.pk** for updating and urging Private Sector to give feedback and upload their issues/challenges on PRMI Digital Platform. He informed that Board of Investment will facilitate and harmonize the reforms process by building capacity of focal persons and facilitating Public Private Dialogues (PPDs)

5. AS / EDG informed that Prime Minister had chaired a meeting on Business related reforms on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and next meeting is expected in 1<sup>st</sup> week of July, 2021 where all Chief Secretaries would be required to present respective provincial progress on PRMI and Regulatory Reforms. Secretary Excise & Taxation Department, Govt. of Punjab appreciated the BOI Team for holding this session of PRMI and briefed about the various online services provided by Excise & Taxation Department through e-Khidmat. He suggested to invite representatives of Pakistan Engineering Council, Pharma and Textile in such Working Group meetings. Special Secretary Finance briefed about the various online services specially tax calculator and e-Payment launched in Punjab and offered to extend full cooperation in implementation of PRMI in Punjab.

6. Mr. Ali Jalal informed that 10 provincial departments have been mapped and Punjab Business Portal is expected to be launched in December 2021. He committed to provide inventory of RLCOs and updated list of Focal Persons by end of next week. He suggested alignment between Punjab Business Portal and implementation of PRMI. He informed that a meeting of Punjab PRMI Working Group will be called within next two weeks under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab to apprise him about PRMI progress and to seek his guidance for speeding up PRMI in Punjab.

7. Mr. Mukarram Jah Ansari, emphasized that each Department should identify 2-3 regulatory issues in consultation with business community for regulatory reform and share them with BOI. He informed that PRMI team will hold a Capacity Building session for Focal Persons in Lahore in July, 2021.

8. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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**List of Participants**

1. Mr. Mukarram Jah Ansari, Additional Secretary / EDG, BOI, Islamabad
2. Mr. Muhammad Faisal Khokhar, Director (PRMI), BOI, Islamabad
3. Mr. Mahmood Tufail, Director (PRMI), Board of Investment, Islamabad
4. Mr. Lal Dino, Director (PRMI), Board of Investment, Islamabad
5. Mr. Athar Hussain Tanwri, SO (PRMI), Board of Investment, Islamabad

**Government of Punjab Participation**

1. Mr. Waqas Ali Mahmood, Secretary, Excise & Taxation Department
2. Mr. Faisal Fareed, Secretary Tax, Board of Revenue.
3. Mr. Obaid Ullah Anwar, Special Secretary, Finance Department.
4. Dr. Erfa Iqbal, CEO, Punjab Board of Investment & Trade (PBIT)
5. Mr. Ejaz Khaliq, Additional Secretary (Commerce) ICI&SD Department.
6. Mr. Arshad Baig, Additional Secretary, LG&CD Department.
7. Mr. Ahmad Mustajab Karamat, Special Secretary, HUD & PHE Department
8. Mr. Ali Jalal, Program Director, PIU, P&D Board
9. Mr. Faiz Ul Hassan, Additional Director (Projects), PLRA
10. Rao Zahid Mahmood, Deputy Secretary (Dev), Labour & HR Department
11. Mr. Ammar Nasim, Program Manager, Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB)
12. Mr. Asad Ullah, Deputy Director, Lahore Development Authority
13. Mr. Shaman Haider Farooqi, Director (Reforms), PESSI
14. Mr. Nauman Mahmood Malhi, Deputy Manager (Commercial), LESCO
15. Mr. Hassan Tariq, M&E Specialist, PIU, P&D Board
16. Mr. Rubia Latif, Deputy Director, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department